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## WELCH NO. 2 WILDCAT HAS OIL SHOWING

### Who Can Vote

George Perkins this morning had prepared for publication the law regarding who can vote in the city elections tomorrow. From this it will be seen that a qualified voter must be twenty-one years of age, a resident of Texas one year and a resident of Mexia six months. "Residence" is also defined. The payment of the city poll tax is not a requisite. All entitled to vote must live within the corporate limits of Mexia.

The law is as follows:

#### Who Can Vote

Sec. 31. Qualifications for Voting in City Elections.—All qualified electors of this State, as described in Articles 2338 and 2339, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city of incorporated town shall have a right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers; but, in all elections to determine the expenditure of money or assumption of debt, or issuance of bonds, only those shall be qualified to vote who pay taxes on property in such city or incorporated town; provided, that no poll tax for the payment of debts thus incurred shall be levied upon the person debarred from voting in relation thereto. (Art. 2340, R. S.)

1. A party who moves into an incorporated city after January 1, 1909, is not subject to a poll tax in said city for the year 1909 and will be entitled to vote without having paid his city poll tax provided other poll taxes are paid and he is otherwise qualified.

2. To require one class of persons, viz., those residing outside the city, to pay the poll tax not later than January 31, and another class, those residing within the city to pay same

### Six Unmasked Men Get Six Mail Sacks In Illinois Hold-Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 2.—Six unmasked men who seized six sacks of mail at the Chicago & Alton Railway station here yesterday and staged a running gun battle with police in making a get-away, were sought through three States today. Police claimed to have information that the raid was made by gangsters known as "Egan's Rats", having ramifications in Chicago and St. Louis. Haunts in those two cities, as well as in Illinois were being watched.

The robbers, suddenly descending upon the station with revolvers and sawed-off shotguns, obtained little, if any, valuable loot, postal authorities said today. They missed a sack of registered mail, it was declared.

Police came on the scene just as the robbers were leaving, tearing open letters and mail sacks as they went. A running battle down the principal streets, the bandits firing slugs and dum-dum bullets, ensued, throwing crowds at two or three dance halls, into a panic.

One suspect, heavily armed, was arrested near the place where the robbers abandoned their bullet-splattered automobile. He was held pending investigation and is said to be a member of the gang believed to have staged the affair.

### First Blood In Fake Promoters Case Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, April 2.—The first blow of the federal government was struck in the Fort Worth oil promotion clean up. Charges were filed against twenty-five promoters and warrants placed in the hands of United States Marshal. Use of the mails to defraud was charged. The first arrest was that of D. S. Harrington of the Producers Association, which was headed by Dr. Cooke of North Pole fame.

Lansing-Ishil Pact Obsolete and Dead

TOKYO, April 2.—The Japanese government is entirely willing to abrogate the Lansing-Ishil agreement under which the United States recognized the "special interests" of Japan in China, the exact definition of which has never been settled, it was learned. Japan considers that the value of the agreement has long since ceased to exist.

### Mill Operatives Get 10% Increase

ROCK HILL, S. C., April 2.—Wage increases of 10 per cent to mill operatives were announced today by five cotton mills here. They are to become effective immediately.

The mills making the increase are the Arcade, Aragon, Industrial, Victoria Mills No. 1, and 2, and the Cachet Mills Nos. 1 and 2.

### Auto Accident Kills 5 Persons

ASHLAND, Ky., April 2.—Five persons were killed and two injured here yesterday when an automobile collided with a Chesapeake & Ohio locomotive at a grade crossing.

Mrs. J. R. Saunders, who, with her two children survived, was unable to explain the crash. Her husband was among those killed.

### Texas Girl Is Champ. Dancer

NEW YORK, April 2.—Alma Cummings, who gives her home as San Antonio, Texas, today claims the world's non-stop dancing record. Six young men waltzed under the pace set by the girl, who fox-trotted, one stepped and waltzed twenty-seven hours without a break.

Highway Weather Service  
Highways are generally rough and bad in Eastern Texas and Southern Oklahoma. My detours will and construction on extended trip settled weather.

### 2500 FEET OF FLUID MOSTLY OIL IN HOLE

The biggest "April Fool" prank played yesterday was regarding reports concerning the Humphreys-Welch number 2 wildcat test, West of Groesbeck, and about twelve miles

Southwest of Mexia. The joke was that it was not a joke, as many oil scouts and operators, as well as the public generally, who were told that the hole was filling up with oil, discredited the rumor on the supposition that someone was trying to "April Fool" them. Nevertheless, there were quite a few who "hit" and who went to see for "safety first" purposes, and because they are so interested in seeing new petroleum pools opened up in this section of Texas. Upon their return and especially this morning, the public realized that they were fooled Sunday in believing the true story to have been without foundation.

The Welch Number Two is now the chief topic of talk on the streets, despite the interest in municipal elections Tuesday.

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It is an Humphreys test and has reached down to a depth of 3865 feet.

It is standing about 2500 feet in fluid, mostly oil. The most conservative report has had it 2100 instead of 2500 feet, but none deny that oil is coming up in the test. Some water is in the well but all seem to agree that it is not salt water and are encouraged accordingly. The casing has been set to a depth of 3400 feet, so about 465 feet of open hole exists and it is known that what water there is in it comes below the bottom of the 3400 feet of casing.

The gravity of the product shows

20.6 which is about the same grade as Snackover Heavy. Some operators point out that in many instances where a low gravity of oil is found

production is in much greater quantities than in fields of lighter crude.

Some of the leading oil men, with whom the subject has been discussed are not overly optimistic or excited

at all about the discovery, yet they believe that this is the forerunner of a real discovery in that territory and that a real pool will be opened at no distant date. They state that similar discoveries were made, on a lesser scale, in a test previously sent down in that vicinity. It will require a better showing to convince the conservative that a profitable or prolific pool will be penetrated there.

The drillers had a fishing job

for several weeks and it was known

that until very recently there were

three strings of tools in the hole—the last two being lost in fishing for the first ones dropped. It was this

situation that caused many to discredit the rumor "April Fool's Day"

and their hesitancy to accept the re-

port was not due to any disposition

on their part to minimize the geological

reports that have been made re-

garding the district. Leading geolo-

gists here have pronounced the struc-

ture in that particular locality the best

looking structure in this part of

Texas. And as a result of these

reports several of the large com-

panies operating in the Mexia dis-

trict have leased many hundreds of

acres of land in that vicinity and be-

tween there and Thornton.

The Texas Company Stroud is now

down around 800 feet.

### TOM CAMPBELL FUNERAL AT PALESTINE HOME

GALVESTON, Tex., April 2.—The body of former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell, of Palestine, who died here last night, was to be taken to Palestine today.

The former Governor, who had been ill at the John Sealy Hospital here for nearly a year, became suddenly worse shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and lapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never recovered.

Campbell suffered from an intestinal disorder.

People who look for trouble never

### Half Doz. Bandits Hold Up Governm't Mail Truck At St. L.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—Six heavily armed bandits held up a Government mail truck here today and escaped with nine sacks of registered mail.

The robbers intercepted the truck,

covered the driver and armed guard

with revolvers, seized the mail sacks

and dashed away in an automobile.

No estimate of the amount of money

contained in the sacks had been made.

The truck was carrying the heavy

Easter week-end mail from the main

postoffice to the Bridge branch post-

office in the heart of the commission

house district near the water front.

Federal officials investigating the

hold-up worked on the theory it was

carried out by the same gang which

robbed a mail truck at Springfield

Sunday morning. One of the suspects

captured at Springfield was a well

known St. Louis police character.

The St. Louis hold-up was carried

out in regulation "wild west" methods,

used in the Springfield robbery.

Bringing their auto to a stop direct-

ly in front of the mail truck, the bandits

leaped out, five of them holding

sawed off shotguns, and the sixth

leveling two heavy caliber revolvers at

the driver and guards of the truck.

All of the bandits were masked with

large handkerchiefs.

Working deliberately, three of the

robbers transferred the mail sacks

from the truck to the rear seat of

their automobile.

The other bandits forced the chauffeur and guard from the seat of the

truck and locked them in the iron cage

from which they had taken the mail.

They drove the truck down a narrow

alley before driving away in their

own automobile. The imprisoned men

called vainly from their cage for half

an hour before they were rescued by

a passerby.

Germany Renews Talk for Peace

By CARL D. GROAT

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 2.—Germany re-

newed talk of negotiations to end

the Ruhr deadlock today following

the outbreak of violence in the oc-

cupied areas over the week-end that

cost twenty-two lives.

The Berlin press asks if it is not

now time to put out more feelers to

Paris and Brussels, suggesting the

advantage lies with Germany.

What was going on in the troubl-

ed area around Essen could not be

definitely determined today, com-

munications with that storm center

being interrupted. One of the last

things known to have occurred is

the arrest by the French of four

general managers of the Krupp work

where French troops Saturday killed

nine German workers and wounded

thirty with machine gun fire. The

managers are charged with inciting

the workers by ordering factory si-

lentions sounded when a French patrol

approached to requisition automo-

biles. A crowd menaced the troops,

they reported, and they were forced

to open fire.

Eleven were killed in a train wreck

Saturday and two others were killed

in fighting over the week-end.

Mingling with the popular out-

cry here that bloodshed in the Ruhr

must cease, came indications today

that the Cuno Government might try

new peace maneuvers this week,

based on the theory that Belgium at

least is tiring of the adventure, and

might be split from France if satis-

factory offers were made.

Hints have been received here re-

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Blanche Walker with Marshal Walker Co. at the Opera House this week.

## Outgoing City Commissioners Issue Statement Regarding Administration

So far, we have taken no active part in the forthcoming City Election, other than what should be taken by any citizen or voter, who is interested in the future welfare of our fair City, nor had we intended to write anything until asked by The News to submit facts for publication as taken from the records. And in view of the fact that our administration has been attacked by some of the candidates, running for City Commission to succeed us; some statements having been made by these are untrue, and these statements having been printed in circular form, in The News, and distributed, prominently, last Saturday, we're writing this article for publication. Hoping that with the facts you will be in a better position to cast your vote for the men you wish to handle the affairs of the City for the next two years.

Frankly, we are not as much ashamed of the manner in which we have handled the town's business, as some other citizens. In fact, we hope that in future years our administration will be pointed to with pride, by those who know the conditions under which we labored throughout the latter part of 1921 and the first part of 1922.

As to salaries paid to our City Attorney or City Manager, or anyone else, we have no apologies to make, and, as business men and tax payers, we would do the same thing again, under like circumstances. In the first place, the City Attorney nor the City Manager have never been paid Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per month, and we know no reason why such a statement should have been made, as the facts as to salaries paid have been published in a detailed statement, made only a few weeks ago, and a matter of record at the City Hall that is available to any citizen of the town.

At the time these contracts were made, as most of you know, conditions were entirely different to what they are now. The contracts were made for one year and are just now expiring.

We note, too, that the publishers of this circular endorse our present Chamber of Commerce, and its officials, and we are glad they do, for we have been supporters of the Chamber of Commerce ever since it has been in existence. However, if we are not to need the Secretary of that organization at the same salary as our City Attorney and City Manager, and, even though we are making no increase of his work, and are halving pay his salary, we do think the work has been done by Major C. L. Machen, City Attorney, and Geo. W. Perkins, City Clerk, has certainly been of much importance and worth as much to the City as the work of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has ever been or ever will be.

It has also been shown in a published statement that had our City Attorney been on the basis, as has always been the custom up until the time we made the trade with Major Machen, he would have always received for his services more than \$8,000, and then would have been under no obligations to do the civil work for the City, in connection with the various bond issues that have been submitted and carried by the voters of Mexia, during our administration, and which would have cost the City hundreds of dollars on the outside. You will, therefore, see that, in addition to the extra services he has rendered to the City, he has turned into the City's General Fund more than \$3,000 in fees than he has received in salary. Right here, we also want to say that some time ago, Major Machen recommended to the City Council that owing to the present peaceful conditions that now exist here, the services of a full paid City Attorney would not be needed another year.

At the time we employed Geo. W. Perkins, and here we want to say he did not seek the place, we did so because of his peculiar qualifications for that place, acquired by about ten

## City Water and Sewerage Systems Show Profit to City Since They Became Properties of Municipality

City Water Superintendent R. D. Morgan, who is also City Engineer for Mexia, under date of April 1, 1923, made the following report for the month of March, showing the City Water and Sewerage Departments are operating at a profit, while expansions and extensions are being made, adding to the assets of the departments. The capital expenditures, Engineer Morgan explains, are for improvements that become permanent and are to be added to the assets of the city.

The March statement is in line with former statements made, which have likewise shown a profit since the property has become municipally owned, controlled and managed, a few months ago.

Since the city purchased the waterworks, reference to the records show that Mexia has not been without water a single day.

STATEMENT  
Mexia Water & Sewer Department  
April 1, 1923

Capital Expenditures	
General	171.50
Office	80.06
Stores	
	261.55
Construction	
Reservoirs and Dams	17.19
Manis and accessories	994.96
	1012.15
Maintenance	
General	135.30
Trucks	
Construction	
Reservoirs and Dams	2.50
Labor	253.50
	256.00
Water Dept. Operation	
Pay Rolls	995.25
Motive Power	1185.00
Lubricants	24.16
Freight and Express	33.53
Light and heat	7.94
Telephone and telegraph	10.50
Gas and oil	35.11
Sundry	15.35
	2339.83
Undistributed	
Administrative	
Salaries (water & sewer)	425.00
Printing and stationery	75.15
Postage and advertising	35.00
Sundry	84.85
	590.00
General	
Rebate	53.20
	5815.12
Sewer Department	
Capital	
Mains	627.26
Septic Tanks	248.53
	875.79
Maintenance	
Septic Tanks	110.50
Filter beds	50.00
	180.50
Operation	
Labor	140.80
	5130.94
Total	
Current water	3503.44
Del. water	194.36
Meter department	285.00
Sundry	13.90
Current Sewer	697.25
Del. Sewer	6.00
Sundry	4.25
Taps and connections	30.00
Sundry	806.75
Total	5123.70
Less Abatements	7.20
Total	5123.70
Balance March 1	3099.38
Collection, March	5123.70
Total	8223.08
Less Checks	5815.12
Book Balance	2407.96

## It's A Sad, Sad Year For Champs.

BY HENRY L. FARRELL  
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, April 2—Battling Siki should not mourn too much about the loss of his light-heavyweight championship. He isn't the only one who has been dethroned this year and he isn't the last one who will get it.

Siki wasn't going any place in particular, anyway. He was always in danger of "the first good man" he met, and Mike McTigue, the succeeding champion, is in the same fix.

McTigue should remain champion as long as he stays away from first class opponents from the middleweights up. Mike can't hit and his boxing will not make him popular enough to cash in heavy on his title.

One peculiar thing about Mike is the jinx that he seems to work over colored boxers. He was one of the first to whip Janama Joe Gane, when all of the first class white middleweights were ducking the colored champion. He also knocked out George Robinson, after George had given a fine pasting to Johnny Wilson, the champion.

All the experts are falling back on the old crack, always made about an unknown who pulls the unexpected—"he is better than he is ever given

true, even though he did not endorse our work. We are not candidates for re-election, nor have we ever been, and, although we are retiring from the Council of the City, we want to say that regardless of whom you may elect, if, at any time, our services will be of any further assistance to the City Council, in any way that will be for the good of our town, our services are available.

We are still citizens of the town and tax payers, and are vitally interested in its future welfare, and will always be found ready to help generously with our time, and to the limit with our money, any just cause, enterprise or institution that is for the good of Mexia.

W. W. Barnett  
J. I. Riddle.

Commissioner Roy Haynes says that the number of men sent to the workhouses in Ohio last year was 10,000 less than for the last year of the open saloon, that there was a decrease of 20 per cent in the number of orphan children sent to state homes, that drunkenness has fallen from 38,600 in 1918 to 17,655 in 1922.

About the only way a man can fool a woman is to make her believe she is fooling him when in reality she isn't.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—Citizens' training camps will be held this year at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Logan, Colorado; Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The Westerly Sun, of Westerly, Rhode Island, reports a reduction of 76 per cent in drunks in Washington County and the State south of Providence, under prohibition.

## Texas University Baseball Team Meets Daniel Baker Two Games

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—With rain and cold having forced the cancellation of both games scheduled against Southwestern University during the past week, the University of Texas Longhorn baseball team will play its first collegiate games of the season here Today and Tuesday against the Daniel Baker College nine. The rain and cold prevented Coach "Billy" Disch from working his diamond candidates much in practice during the past week, and he expects his nine to suffer from partial loss of their "batting eyes" during the opening innings of the Daniel Baker series, because the Orange batters haven't been able to set up to the plate and look 'em over this week. As the Monday and Tuesday games against the Pirates were cancelled, the April 30 game at Georgetown between the Longhorns and Southwestern University nine will probably be the only meeting of the year between the two ancient baseball rivals.

The Longhorns open their Southwestern Conference race Friday and Saturday, April 6, and 7, against the snappy Rice Institute team. Rice is led by "Peg" Melton, a most effective Southwestern conference pitcher, and reports from Houston credit the Owls with a strong lineup. Coach Disch will devote all his training during the coming week to getting his Longhorns in shape for these opening Southwestern conference tilts, for the race this season promises to be unusually close, and a couple of early season defeats would go hard with the Longhorns' slim chance of coping the championship for the twelfth consecutive time.

On April 9 the Longhorns meet Trinity University here in a non-conference game and April 13 and 14 Texas A. & M. Aggies diamond squad will be here for a couple of Southwestern conference games.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs meets in Atlanta, Georgia, May 10 to 11. The most important question which could come before these important women is the question of preserving and enforcing prohibition.

One of the prominent taxicab companies of the country has found its liabilities for personal damage only 37.8 per cent of what they were before prohibition.

Lady Astor addressed the National Council of Free Churches on temperance reform in the latter part of February at Bristol, England.

Lots of men who talk, knowingly of labor and capital never did the one nor had the other.

Why is it that a fat woman seldom has a disagreeable temper?

Cleave to the good. Use a cleaver on the bad.

Politeness of some men causes them to be looked upon with suspicion.

SAN ANTONIO.—While a heavy rain had all the other Giants in the hotel, Jack Bentley, the \$65,000 Baltimore pitcher, went out to the ball park and spent the morning playing handball and running around the field in the moisture. McGraw heard about it and made the other pitchers go out and work.

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Reuther, Grimes, Vance and Decatur, the best of the Brooklyn pitchers, failed to stop the Cleveland Indians, who won an exhibition game, 9 to 6. Shema and Guisto hit homers off Reuther.

## WANTED—A NAME



\$5.00 CASH will be paid for a suitable name to be used for the News Stand on the corner of Commerce and Sherman, in front of the Mexia Drug Co. This is the handiest corner in Mexia which makes it the busiest. This stand is changing ownership April 2nd. Will be owned and operated by its originator—E. J. Ormsby. Will sell a complete line of magazines and newspapers. PERSONAL SERVICE will be the watch-word. Will handle all business as the local agent for "Dallas Morning News", "The Dallas Journal", "The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News". Will also be an uptown branch for the "Mexia Daily News" to accept subscriptions and want ads. Offer good until 10th of April. Leave answers at Newsstand.



## Announcement!

## Hickman's Beauty Week

ELMO DEMONSTRATION THIS WEEK  
"Elmo—For Beauty"

5 Minutes a Day Creates Beauty

Mrs. Hunt, Beauty Expert, at Hickman's Store says it costs but half a penny.

Before coming to Mexia, Mrs. Hunt, beauty specialist representing the Elmo toilet preparations, made an extensive study of the Southwestern climatic effects on the complexion and says that the correct use of the right creams will improve and beautify anyone's complexion even in our trying climate. She further says that it takes but five minutes a day and the cost is but half a penny a day for the treatment necessary.

Continuing, Mrs. Hunt says: "One may have good eyes, regular features and glorious hair, but, if the complexion is shallow or colorless there is little beauty in the face." Modern beauty creams do much to eradicate any unnatural condition of the skin, and she personally recommends Elmo preparations for this climate, to be used as follows:

For removing blackheads and whiteheads and building up the tissues use Elmo Tissue Cream. For cleansing the skin thoroughly and for bleaching use Elmo Cleansing Cream. If the skin is discolored or the pores enlarged the Elmo Cucumber Cream is used.

Demonstrations at the store from 2 to 6 daily for this week, April 2 to 8. Any information desired will be given by Mrs. Hunt. Ask her what you want to know.

HICKMAN'S

## SILK STOCKINGS \$15 PER PAIR

The best Silk Stockings made are subject to too many RUNS to make good banks.

## DEPOSIT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK

PRENDERGAST-SMITH NATIONAL BANK

"THE OLD RELIABLE"

**Great Ocean Liners Now Have Real Modern Hospitals Aboard.**Child receiving surgical treatment aboard the *Conte Rosso*.

NOWADAYS hospitals on board ship are often found most scientifically equipped. Surgical and medical service is no longer a mere matter of first aid, for delicate operations are performed in the leading hospitals afloat. There are separate wards for men and for women, consulting room, prescription room, operating room and isolation ward all kept immaculately clean, with windows insuring perfect ventilation.

A recent incident which shows the value of these floating hospitals occurred when an American seaman on the *Eastern King*, a Shipping Board steamer, was transferred on the high seas in a critical condition to the fast Italian liner *Conte Rosso*, enroute from the Mediterranean, which was summoned by SOS. In thanking

Col. Dr. M. Sarenti, American Representative of the Lloyd Sabaudo Line, owners of the *Conte Rosso*, W. J. Love, vice-president of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, states:

"I have been requested by the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board and the Trustees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, owners of the *Eastern King*, to convey through to you the master of the *Conte Rosso* Captain Cav. Uff. Fulvio Cignoni and her surgeon, Dr. Giovanni Valenza, their deep appreciation of the humanitarian services rendered by these gentlemen to a member of the crew of our *Eastern King*, and to further compliment the master of the *Conte Rosso* on his splendid seamanship and willing co-operation."

**Boundless Enthusiasm and Energy Of Mexia Citizens on Outstanding Virtue in Life of the Community****They Like Fletcher In South America**

At the San Simeon Club, Tuesday, Mr. H. P. Fletcher, head of the State Auto Supply Company, delivered the following address on "What I Like and What I Don't Like About South America." "Mr. President and Fellow Simeonites, "What I like and what I don't like about my home San Simeon is to be a very popular place at this time, not only in our city, but in a great many other Texas cities and you have doubtless noticed that one of the leading daily publications of the State is devoting an entire page to a series of articles dealing with the subjects and exploiting the home town of the writer.

"I have read several of these articles and have been struck by the uniform manner in which each stresses the things that are good about his town in fact you could take any one of these articles I have read and by changing names apply it to any town or city in these United States and why not? For it is a trait of Americans to love and cherish and see no evil in that place or section we call home.

"It is not the usual things found in most towns of our size that gives me material for a discussion of these things I like about Mexia but in making the statement I do not deny our usual city virtues, begotten by a spirit of 100% loyalty to our God, our country, and our homes, and without which no city could exist even if endowed with ten times the resources of one of the largest oil fields yet discovered. It goes without saying that we as a city are indebted to the development of our oil resources for a greater part of our recent growth and with no effort on our part there will be a further growth in direct proportion to the advancement of the oil industry but Mexia if you please, is not content to face the future nor purely the child of a natural resource but is continually reaching out for industrial enterprises, the obtaining of which will place her upon a solid rock foundation and guarantee her future as a city. It is the pursuance of this policy that I like best about Mexia. Show me any town similarly situated that will produce one with the energy and enthusiasm for a worthy project industrial or civic that has been accorded every movement of such kind by Mexia.

"It is the Mexia spirit of confidence the boundless energy of her people and their ability to look upon misfortunes without wavering from their determination to make a city that soon instills in the new-comer the feeling that in addition to the usual city virtues before mentioned Mexia has something to offer better and greater than just an average town in which to do business.

"I am aware that there is room for improvement, an opportunity for a closer knitting of individual interests for the general good of all but these things are not material for an intelligent discussion of things I don't like; for with the forward march of progress in any city personal interests are soon laid aside and forgotten in the daily practice of co-operation and co-operation, and such will be our experience.

"Even in touching upon what some might term the shortcomings of Mexia I am reminded of a story told to me a good many years ago. Two white wings or street cleaners, during the noon hour were sitting upon the curb of a city street discussing the sudden death of a fellow worker and for several minutes they were occupied in general praise of the late departed as a worker and fellowman. After having repeated all of his many good traits there was a silence of several minutes each apparently deep in thought and then one spoke. 'Yes Bill was the best man I ever knew but George don't you think he was just a little weak when working around the corners?'

"Gentlemen, Mexia is not weak around the corners or in the blocks either and I like to look forward to the golden opportunity of working and living in a town that isn't weak around the corners.

"I thank you."



NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

**Mexia Maintains Large Automobile Cylinder Re-grinding Plant Here**

In his daily rounds of becoming acquainted with the many new business enterprises in Mexia, a representative of The News was shown through the plant of the Stuart Modern Grinding Company, located at 107 N. McKinney Street one day last week and found the business of automobile cylinder grinding interesting indeed and a business that is little known by the average motorist.

"No one knows so little about cylinder re-grinding as the average motor owner" said Mr. Stuart. "Many of the repair men advocate it, but to the owner it still means an unnecessary operation. It is, however, so vitally important in helping the engine to function properly that careful thought and study should be given to it by every driver.

"To have the motor run properly it is essential that the cylinders do not vary more than a .001 degree as to roundness, and the hole must be straight and absolutely square with the base of the cylinders. Otherwise there will be a noticeable loss of power and pep and excessive use of gas and oil. Out-of-round cylinders also cause piston slap, continual fouling of spark plugs and general troubles of all kinds. When the average motorist finds his car in this condition a visit to the repair shop or garage is made and quite often large sums spent for general overhauls only to find his motor in the same condition when again put up.

It is for this class of motor troubles that we have installed a big factory type cylinder re-grinder and, by the way, there is not another town in Texas twice the population of Mexia who can boast of such a machine, in fact they are only found at this time in Dallas, Waco, Houston, and San Antonio, which indicates our faith in Mexia.

With this equipment it is of course necessary for us to maintain a large stock of pistons, pins, rings, bearings, and a multitude of other motor parts for prompt service on any type of motor and a glance at our stock room today will show piston, pin and ring equipment for more than four hundred models and types of motor car engines—all to make our service complete."

**NOTICE**

For the purpose of giving our employees a half holiday each week, beginning on Saturday, April 7th we will close our places of business each Saturday at one o'clock P. M. This arrangement to continue through the spring and summer.

Our friends and customers are earnestly requested to take notice of this so as to get their orders in by noon Saturdays, as we are anxious to avoid them any inconvenience.

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Very Respectfully,

Berry-Burnett Grocery Co.  
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It's a pity that we can't reverse things and start at the top. It would be so easy to reach the bottom.

Work by any other man would be just as distasteful to a lazy man.

The less she means it the louder a woman can laugh.

BY FREDERICK G. NEUMEIE  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

**MEXICO CITY.**—Americans are prying into the mysteries of "Treasure Mountain."

High up in the Sierra Madre mountains, near the village of Cruz de Piedra, in the State of Mexico, Indians say is buried a large amount of gold and silver—treasure of brigands.

It is believed the treasure, if it exists, was stolen many years ago when gold and silver was carted overland from the Pacific Coast to Mexico City. It may be pirate gold, some say.

Headed by Adolfo Sandoval, the little group of Americans and Mexicans have begun efforts to find the missing treasure.

For many years Indians have told stories of the treasure hidden on top of the mountains, but these were believed to be legendary tales, until a few months ago when an old Indian attempted to cash a gold bar at a bank in a nearby city. The banker saw that the gold bar was not the kind now made and called in the police.

The old Indian told of the treasure which he said was enough to pay off the national debt of Mexico. He claimed that the story of the treasure was passed on to him by his father.

The Indian then led a group of officials on a hunt for the treasure. He told them to start digging at a certain point until they reached an underground marking stone. This they did and the stone was found. Then he told them to dig until they found a cross and the bones of two Indians who, he said, were killed by his father when he sealed the cave in which the treasure was placed. This was done and the bones were found.

But—and here the mystery deepens, the next morning the Indian had disappeared and, according to the story, has not been seen since. Attempts were made to find the treasure, but of no avail.

Sandoval and his small group of adventurers, however, believe that the old Indian's tale is true and they are prying into the mysteries of the "Treasure Mountain."

On account of the alarming increase in the use of rat poison for committing suicide, Japanese police and health authorities are seeking a poison which will kill the rodent pests and yet be harmless to human beings.

*Your finger nails will be beautiful*

*As soon as you adopt the new scientific method of*

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**NAILGLOSSING**

*Leaves them daintily tinted with a high polish, finished with a protecting coat that preserves the lustre for ten days*

After the average man has given until it hurts he is careful not to suffer that way a second time.

If matrimony doesn't make a woman wise there is no hope for her.

**WORTHY-CAUSE NOTE**

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## CALMNESS PUTS OVER THE BIG IDEA

Do you get excited when you become intensely interested? Enthusiasm is essential to success but not the variety of enthusiasm which causes a person to talk rapidly, wholly without the balance wheel of practical thought.

The kind of enthusiasm which really counts is the sort which permits of perfect control of the emotions yet is sufficiently strong to permit of full concentration on the subject.

There are persons with hobbies who cannot talk about them without getting wrought up to high tension so that they do little besides jabber.

So aroused they become that they give little heed, and no sound consideration, to what any other person may say.

When a man or a woman is discussing something particularly interesting to themselves and their eyes take on an excited expression, the face flushes, body becomes tense and the fingers work convulsively, there is a failure to create a favorable impression upon those with whom they speak.

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The Groesbeck Journal says: "The fellow who made the memorable speech in the Arkansas Legislature opposing the changing of the name of Arkansas has descendants living in Groesbeck who oppose every progressive movement."

If they use the same sort of language that the Arkansas colon used we will have to refrain from printing their remarks because this is a home paper.

## "WHILE OTHERS SLEEP"

## FISHING TIME

Somewhat old summer's swelling heat. Just makes us lazy as can be. We long to find some cool retreat where drop will come to mercury. We mop our brow that's humid steam. The sun pouts down a hundred-threes. And puff and blow and think and dream. Of storm's verge neath shady trees.

On eight or nine to peep of moon and sweat the long day thru. S'morn's chopped in month of June. There's no hing else a boy can do. But sit in and yawn with heat disease. And the of when chill winter blow. For August time's the month of rest. Of love and dreams and labors few. But sometimes joys come in disguise. It's like the bitter in the sweet. We oft have won the treasured prize. When heart was crushed with sad defeat; So those old dog-days hath some charm. The eyes are blurd' with dancing heat. The crops 'low'd by down on the farm. The barn is full of corn and wheat. When August comes in quiv'ring glow. And 'cross the brow with salty brine. It's time to get your grubbing hoe. And search the lot for red-worm sign. For fishing's great down in the stream. And there the air is fresh and fine. You'll get a taste of life's sweet dreams. With hook and pole and line line line.

Just take your pole and can of worms. And seek some cool, sequestered nook. Where some tall weeping willow forms its canopy o'er babbling brook; Now spread yourself in that nice place. That place Old Sol long since forsook.

## CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houx

## WITHOUT COMMENT

Oklahoma courts are improving. One has just held that an oil company can not drill for oil in a cemetery located in the Tonkawa oil field. It sometimes occurs that the cupidity of man overreaches itself.—Terrill Transcript.

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

## SCENE IN "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH" ACCLAIMED BY NEW YORK AS TRIUMPH

It's a thrill you're looking for you can get it when the William Fox special production, "The Village Blacksmith," opens at the National Theatre tomorrow. In this man's production which critics have acclaimed as the greatest picture of American home life since "Over the Hill," William Fox has provided a thrill that will stir the heart and make gooseflesh appear in profusion. It is a real honest-to-goodness train wreck.

To go with the Fox policy of providing every element of the motion picture in each production, the train wreck was devised. New York critics have acclaimed it as one of the greatest thrill scenes ever shown on the silver screen.

Several scenes are shown of the speed. Sunless, limited traveling at a rate of sixty miles an hour. The location which stops at every station is shown. It is apparent that the location which stops on the cross-over is certain to be hit by the express which is traveling with lightning-like celerity. Attempts are made to save the cross-over, but too late. The trains come together with a terrific crash, and when the debris is cleared away, the injured body of the elder of the "Village Blacksmith's" sons, though severely injured, he is given immediate medical attention and soon recovers.

The wreck is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. One train of six cars and another of four were used. Both trains were utterly destroyed.

## WHIZ BANG REVUE AT THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

Manager Bevering of the Opera House in Mexia will Saturday that during the coming week Mexia will see one of the best shows of the season. Marshall Walker and his "Whiz Bang Revue" will be at the Opera House all the week and promise some interesting entertainment for theatre-goers in Mexia.

They have just completed a sixteen week engagement at Houston where they went after a play of twenty-seven weeks at one house in Port Arthur. After their engagement is completed here they will then go to Dallas for a twenty week stay at one of the leading play houses of that city.

## MELODRAMA BASED ON LONGFELLOW'S POEM TO BE SHOWN HERE SOON

On Monday Manager Box of the National Theatre will show for the first time on any local screen a pictureization of Longfellow's beloved poem, "The Village Blacksmith."

With this presentation William Fox, the producer, forgot another link in his impressive chain of productions inspired by the classics of literature whose outstanding contributions have been "Les Misérables," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Scarlet Letter," "Evangelina," "Monte Cristo," and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Jack Ford directed the picture and Paul H. Sloane is responsible for the scenario. The production entails the services of a notable company headed by William Walling, Virginia Valli, Tully Marshall, Besse George Hackathorn, Lon Poff, David Butler and Ralph Yeardsley.

## A BILL ENTITLED S. B. NO. 129

By Senator Doyle  
An act to create the 87th Judicial District Court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone in the state of Texas, in addition to the 77th District Court now existing in said counties; to provide for the terms and jurisdiction thereof in said counties and for grand juries in said counties; for the appointment of a district judge and a district attorney of said court and providing for their duties; and for the duties of county attorneys in said counties with respect to said court; for the transfer of causes from the docket of the court so created to the docket of the 77th District Court and from the docket of the 77th District Court to the court hereby created in said counties, so as to expedite the docket; to provide for the clerk of said court in said counties and for the filing of causes and the preparation of dockets, and for the prosecution of criminal causes in said court in said counties by the district attorney to be appointed for the said 87th district court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, and likewise for the prosecution of causes in the 77th District Court by the district attorney of the 87th district court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, making process now issued valid and binding to said court with other provisions, and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the counties of Limestone and Freestone shall hereafter constitute the 87th Judicial District, in addition to the 77th Judicial District now existing in said counties, and the terms of the District Court of the 87th District shall be held there in each year as follows:

In the county of Limestone, beginning on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November and shall each continue in session eight weeks.

court, and in his absence the County Attorney of Limestone county and Freestone county, respectively, shall act as such prosecuting attorney, and where the county attorney of either of said counties shall act in either court, as provided for, he shall receive for his services such fees and emoluments as are now provided by law for like services of county attorneys throughout the state.

Section 2. The crowded condition of the dockets of the 77th District Court in Limestone and Freestone counties are such that they deny to all litigants the rights of a speedy trial, and the same creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule providing that bills be read on three several days in each house be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

## Firemen Honor Dog That Died In The Service

HOUSTON, Texas, April 2.—The headstone from "Tom's" grave is to occupy a position of honor in the new police and fire department building erected here, according to Fire Chief Ollie.

Tom was just a dog, a mangy little pup without a hair on his body when he was picked up off the streets by a big-heater fireman and adopted by the department.

Tom was the only Houston dog that ever had an annual pass on the street cars. The pass was a brass collar plate directing all conductors to pass the dog on any line.

No one owned Tom, nor did he belong to any one station. Anyone who wore a fireman's uniform was his friend but he would have little to do with a civilian or a fireman out of uniform. He could distinguish between a fireman and a policeman just as he could tell the fire telephone from the office phone.

He stayed at each station one week, and when the week was up he would trot out and hop on a street car and go to another station. He knew how to get to every station.

For six years he followed the trucks until one day one of the heavy fire trucks skidded and crushed him to death.

All available members of the fire department attended the funeral which was the most impressive ever held for a dog in Harris county, according to the men who still remember the occasion.

Tom's remains were placed in a white, plush lined casket, donated by a local undertaking establishment and lowered into a grave while the firemen stood with bared heads and mourned his passing.

Section 4. That after the 87th Judicial District Court shall become organized the clerks of the District Courts of Limestone and Freestone counties shall make up the dockets of the District Courts of said counties, respectively, and shall file the new cases in the courts to which he may be directed to file same by the party filing them; and all criminal cases shall be originally tried in the court to which the indictment or information is returned, and all appeals in probate cases shall be to the court beginning the first term after such appeal is filed.

Section 5. That the clerks of the District Courts of Limestone county and Freestone county shall respectively prepare civil, divorce, criminal and tax dockets as may now be customary or provided by law for the 77th District Court and the 87th District Court in their respective counties, and shall place letters on the envelope containing the file papers in each case after the number of said case, designating by the letter "A" causes pending in the 77th Judicial District and by the letter "B" causes pending in the 87th Judicial District Court.

Section 6. That all writs, process, bonds and recognizances, civil and criminal, issued, executed, entered into or effected in the district court of Limestone county and Freestone county, prior to the taking effect of this act and returnable or cognizable in or to said court as it has been heretofore fixed by law, are hereby made returnable to and cognizable in either the 77th district court or the 87th district court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone, respectively, at the same time they acquire jurisdiction by the terms of this act, and they shall be as valid and binding in law as if originally issued, made, filed or entered in the court acquiring jurisdiction by the terms of this act.

Section 7. The clerk of the District Court of the 77th Judicial District Court in Limestone county and the Clerk of the District Court for the 77th Judicial District Court in Freestone county shall be the clerk of the 87th Judicial District Court of said counties, respectively; and the district attorney of the 77th Judicial District shall be district attorney of said district in both Limestone and Freestone counties and shall represent the state in all criminal causes in said counties, and in his absence the district attorney for the 87th District Court, and in his absence the attorney in said 77th District Court, and in his absence the county attorney of said counties, respectively, shall act.

Section 8. Immediately upon taking effect of this act the Governor of the State of Texas shall appoint a suitable person judge of 87th Judicial District Court and another suitable person district attorney of the 87th Judicial District Court, who shall have the qualifications required by law, respectively, and shall qualify accordingly, and who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election and until after their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, and the district attorney for the 87th Judicial District shall represent the State of Texas in all criminal cases in said

## Born a Slave, Negro Professor Gains High Honors in Research

TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 31.—From slavery to a Fellow in the Royal Society of Great Britain.

Thus in one brief sentence sums up the life of Professor George W. Carver, negro, head of the department of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute.

Carver by his research work has gained nationwide prominence in chemical circles. Through his experiments, carried on over a period of twenty years or more, he has developed scores of by-products from the principal crops of the South.

He is principally noted for his products developed from peanuts and sweet potatoes and for his cold water paints and stains, developed from Georgia clay. He has developed 165 by-products from peanuts, 115 from sweet potatoes, and 85 from pecans.

Born on the plantation of Colonel George W. Carver near Neosho, Mo., towards the close of the Civil War, the negro who was later destined to go higher than any other member of his race in scientific circles, was kidnapped with his mother at the age of two weeks.

## Exchanged for Horse

Colonel Carver, incensed over the raid on his plantation offered a reward of \$500 and forty acres of land for the return of his slaves. Baby George was returned in exchange for the race horse, while his mother was sold when the marauders found they could drive a better bargain.

The black negro was taken back into the life of the plantation and was raised by the Carvers until he reached manhood. Later in his late twenties (Carver does not know his exact age) he entered Ames College in Iowa and after winning his B. S. and B. A. degrees took several post graduate courses in chemistry and science.

Since then he has devoted his life to experimenting in by-products of various products of the South and in the development of water colors and paints from Georgia clay. He first accepted position on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute as head of the department of agriculture but was later elevated to the head of the department of agricultural research.

## Hon. Unsolicited

Though membership in the Royal Society of Great Britain is an honor cherished by scientists above all others, Carver doesn't even know how he was elected to membership.

"Maybe it was Sir Henry Johnson," Carver said.

Sir Henry, while touring this country several years ago, spent a large portion of his time at the Institute here and became deeply interested in the work of the ex-slave. It is believed he proposed Carver's name for membership, which was accepted.

In 1918 Carver addressed Congress on the subject of a higher tariff on peanuts and succeeded in raising the rate from \$40 a ton to \$180, a great service to growers of the South.

Carver has been closely associated

with the national department of agriculture for years and was a warm friend of the late president Roosevelt.

## Many Children In Schools Have Physical Defects

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—That many school children have physical defects of which their parents are ignorant is shown by the report of Miss Eloise Berry, health and nutrition specialist of the home economics extension division of the University of Texas. Miss Berry has just completed an examination of 100 school children of Temple and Belton in cooperation with Miss Arlene McDonald, the public health nurse of Bell County.

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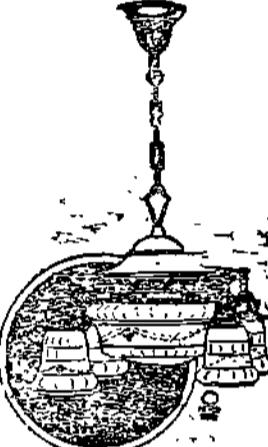
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## Port Arthur Man Gives Jiggs An Idea Worth While

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, April 2.—When police raided a residence here in search of liquor and found a dice game in full swing, it was the logical thing for them to take the participants in charge and hustle them off to the "house-of-games." They did the logical thing.

As the party started out the door with the officers, the host's wife called from above, "where are you going James?"

"To the movie m'dear," was the quick reply.

The officers, however, are positive that if the men went to a movie, they waited until the next day at least.

## Neighbor Passes Tie Hat For A Fatherless Family

W. R. Ebene, acting the part of a good neighbor, is passing the hat today for a fund to assist Mrs. John Dobson and her four little children in going to Oklahoma, where relatives reside and where she believes she will be able to make a living for herself and family. Mr. Dobson succumbed last week to an attack of pneumonia and was laid to rest at the local cemetery, the Salvation Army administering in the last sad hours. The Envoy Joe S. Hopper had known the struggle that Mr. Dobson was making and was at the bedside many times during the last illness of the man. Neighbors made up a batch of groceries and sent them. Anyone desiring to assist them may hand their contribution to either Mr. or Mrs. Hopper of the Salvation Army and it will be turned over to the widow immediately.

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### HELP WANTED—A

WANTED—Waitresses at once for the Manhattan Cafe. 30d3A

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—From the Prairie Pipe Line Camp west of Mexia Wednesday noon, an Alrdal pup, about six months old, has small white spot on breast, answers to name of Jim. Liberal reward offered for his return to 605 East Main Street, Mexia, Texas. 20d3D

LOST—At the Palace theater Saturday night, three \$10 bills. Call 42, reward. 2d1D

### WANTED TO BUY—E

IF YOU have something to sell, trade, want to buy, looking for location or position slip in a Want Ad, and get it. 16d30E

FIVE PASSENGER Texas car for sale or will trade for real estate. Address H. Bowler, General Delivery, Mexia, Texas. 1d1F

WANT TO BUY—at one iron safe, 3 pair scales, 1 refrigerator (hotel size). Estes Bros., 303 South Canton St. 2d1E

### OIL PROPOSITIONS—G

PRODUCTION ROYALTIES—Will buy producing royalties in the Mexia field. Room 16 Farmers State Bank building or Box 735, Mexia, Texas. Zeno King. 2d30G

### FOR SALE—J

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor coverings, stoves and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56, 6d30J

FOR SALE—One iron safe at 204 E. Main. Phone 491. 2d67J

ALL KINDS of Easter hats, suits and dresses for sale at Wardrobe exchange. Dressmaking, cleaning and pressing. Hemstitching. Phone 557-J 21d1J North McKinney St.

FOR SALE—One three room house, good location, electric lights, gas, and water. Apply 308 South Canton. 2d7J

FOR SALE—One 40x55 foot corrugated iron building, double floor, less than 1 year old. Cost \$1700.00. Will sell at \$100.00 for quick sale. Call William Iron Works Co. Phone 9007. 2d7J

FOR SALE—One iron safe good condition. Reasonable. 291 East Main, phone 491. 2d7J

FOR SALE—Two Ford cars and one Oldsmobile eight. Must sell at once. Call Carl Boyer Garage. Phone 537. 2d6J

FOR SALE—Five room bungalow. Will sell on terms also, take automobile. No junk considered. 711 E. Hopkins St. 2d6J

FOR SALE—Extra fine S. C. R. I. Rods, 1st pen, headed by prize winners. Eggs from this pen \$1.50 per 15, chicks one day old 25¢ each; chicks from yard eggs 15¢ each. Mrs. Boyce Thomas, Tehuacana, Texas. 1d2J

### HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—Five room house furnished, all conveniences, corner Bonham and East Commerce. See V. B. Gardner. 1d4K

HOUSE WANTED—Would like to hear from owner of 4- or 5-room house, desirably located and comfortably equipped, not too far out, who wants a good permanent tenant who is willing to pay in advance for what he gets but who really isn't in the market for property. Address Permanent, care Mexia Daily News. 1d3K

FOR RENT—A good five room cottage for rent cheap. Also some good household furniture for sale. Bargain. 216 West Palestine. 1d4K

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FOR RENT—Two and three room furnished apartments. Also two room furnished house. Lights, gas and water. Gates Apartments, 884 East Commerce St. 2d12L

THE HOUSEKEEPING rooms, furnished. Call at 600 East Sumpor or phone 271-J. 2d6L

FOR RENT—One nicely furnished 4-room apartment, all modern conveniences. Phone 519. 2d6L

THREE ROOM furnished modern apartment ready Sunday. Call at 501 East Carthage. 2d6L

FOR RENT—Modern apartments with private and connecting baths. Little Tex Apartments, 312 North Sherman Street. Phone 528. 2d6L

FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms. Lights, gas and hot bath. Rates reasonable, 309 South McKinney Ave. 30d2L

FOR RENT—Small furnished house, all conveniences. 116 E. Rusk St. 2d2L

FOR RENT—in private zones, two unfurnished or furnished rooms, hot and cold water and gas in room. 500 West Titus. 2d2L

### TEXAS TABLOIDS

(By United Press)

TEXARKANA.—Robert D. Newton, 27, of Camden, Ark., died at a local hospital from hemorrhage of the nose, caused by a violent fit of sneezing with which he was seized a week ago.

AUSTIN.—Lon D. Morgan, former chief clerk of the state treasury, was convicted late yesterday of the second count growing out of his alleged embezzlement of \$40,000 of public funds. He was given two years imprisonment.

Previously he had been convicted on another count and given a similar sentence. Several other indictments against him are pending.

AUSTIN.—Warrants totalling \$300,000 were expected to be cashed at the state treasury today by the state prison commission, following a ruling the attorney general's department late yesterday that warrants up to \$600,000—the amount of the prison system—appropriation by the last legislature—could be cashed. The general revenue, which was placed on a deficiency basis yesterday by \$3,000,000 being taken to the available school fund, can only take care of \$300,000, it was made known.

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION  
NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAYREMARKABLE CAST SEEN IN  
"THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

Local News

The blower at the police station this morning shows only two arrests made Sunday, one drunk and fighting and one fighting.

Ch. of Albert Place had business in Goebel's to day.

Miss Orr Phillips has returned from Baylor University, having finished her studies. She finished the four years course in three and a half years, but will not get her degrees until June 1st this year, at the closing of the term.

Elton Phillips was over from Baylor University the past few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star tonight. Please be on time as there is important business to be transacted.

W. M.

That was an awful doleful sermon the moon, we preached this morning. What a text—Here Today an' Gone Tomorrow." "Aye, it's trouble w/ them servants that's got on his mind; they've had 'em in as many weeks." —Passing Show.

The eponymous, a gigantic extinct feathered monster which formerly inhabited Madagascar laid an egg as big as a small beer barrel, its contents being equal to those of about 200 hens.

L. S. Patterson had business in Waco to day.

Deputy Constable Wright gathered in the men and one boozie out on the "hazardous" road Sunday and brought in his catch.

The street players went to work this morning, toppling Beaman street working north from Main street and will continue weather permitting, until this street and Canton are finished.

Regular meeting of the Knights Templar tomorrow night and all members are urged to attend, as well as visitors.—E. C.

SEGUIN—When a rainstorm kept the White Sox from working outdoors, 200 bales of cotton were removed from a cotton warehouse so that pitchers could keep their arms limbered up.

Under the able direction of Jack Ford this admirable cast has made a production that will not be equaled in many a day in the motion picture industry.

FOR RENT—one side of Duplex house, W. D. Hight, 729 E. Commerce st., Phone 422 or 224. 2d31

DRESSING THE PART IS SECRET OF CHARM FOR MILKMAID OR DEBUTANT



BRING A MILKING SIR' SHE SAID

CHICAGO.—The well-dressed woman, whether she sits in a box at the opera or milks a cow on a farm, is, according to an artist who is teaching dress designing in a Chicago technical high school, the one who dresses the part.

"This is something the French woman understand perfectly," this teacher told one of her classes. "It is something the woman on America's Main Street is learning. The costume that is stunning at Deauville or Cannes would be absurd on the shaded streets of a little mid-west town on a May morning.

"It is not a matter of degree but of kind. The woman going briskly about her marketing with a basket on her arm may be just as artistic and lovely as the one who is sitting on a big hotel veranda. If you don't believe it, go to the theatre and see some play in which the innocent little village girl crowds the sophisticated city vamp clear out of the spotlight.

"Then go home and make yourself a straight-line frock of flowered chintz or plaid ginghams or tweeds. Get a trim that

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY, CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOR YEAR, 1922:		
Numerical	1922	1922
Number of Churches	1,145	1,208
Number of church members	43,703	48,118
Number of members Y. P. S.	8,661	10,864
Number of members of Sunday school	64,738	74,481
Number of S. S. Teachers and Officers	8,015	9,230
Number of Members W. M. S.	3,637	5,829
Number of Elders	945	1,028
Number of Licensed Ministers	866	1,004
Number of Licensed Deaconesses	175	152
Number of Consecrated Deaconesses	178	220
Number of S. S. Superintendents	1,040	1,112
Number of Presidents Y. P. S.	335	445
Number of Commissioned Evangelists	279	252
Number of Elected Delegates	2,709	2,281
Total Membership of Assemblies	5,037	5,668
Number of Church Buildings	768	841
Number of Parsonages	323	345

Value of Church property \$3,868,977 \$4,655,982

Indebtedness on Church property 722,123 930,434

Raised for

Buildings and Improvements	425,691	438,761
General Superintendents	13,532	11,410
District Superintendents	50,495	55,896
Pastors (including assistant pastors)	637,185	667,562
Deaconesses	10,339	8,471
Home Missions	77,234	55,350
Evangelists	178,732	184,135
Foreign Mission (churches)	185,712	162,756
Foreign Missions (W. M. S.)	17,452	20,765
Church Extension	13,881	11,043
Education	92,414	82,759
Social Welfare	8,980	8,826
Orphanage	20,603	12,118
Nazarene Tract Society	573	293
Ministerial Relief	2,253	3,289
Contingent Fund	3,196	4,258
Other Benevolences	64,915	65,969
Rent	36,068	44,664
Church Expenses	260,644	222,462
Sunday School Expenses	70,735	80,829
Miscellaneous Items	399	6,441
All Purposes	\$2,121,205	\$2,148,057

During the year of 1922 the Church of the Nazarene received the following additions:

A net increase of 85 members per week.

A net increase of 42 Y. P. S. members per week.

A net increase of 187 Sunday school scholars each week.

A net increase of 21 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools to care for the increase of scholars.

Sixty-three new congregations were added during the year.

A new church building was provided every five days, and a new parsonage was added every sixteen days.

The 4,118 members gave \$44.64 each during the year for the support of the church and its work.

These members paid \$12,834 per week to pastors, \$1,075 per week to support district superintendents, and \$219 per week to the support of general superintendents, and \$8,437 per week for buildings and improvements.

There was added to the value of church property \$15,137 each week.

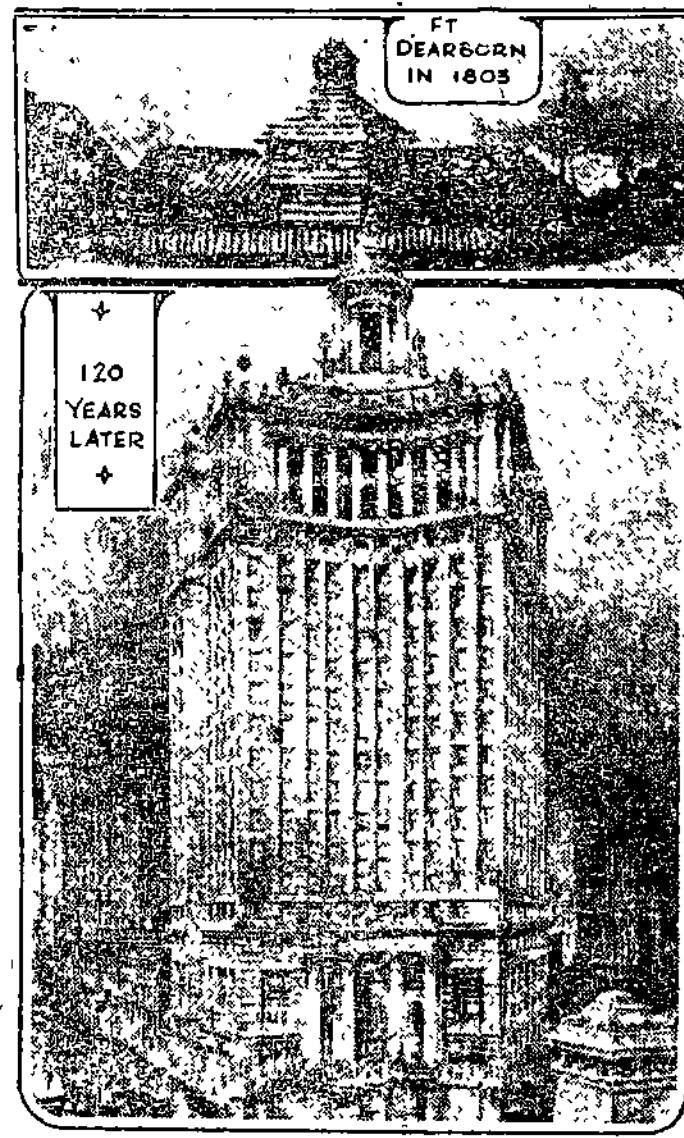
Rev. Chas. A. Kinder, General Statistical Sec.

After looking over this foregoing financial statement, there does not seem to be anything remarkable about it to the person not acquainted with the history of our church. This being the case, a brief résumé of our history would not come amiss at this time.

As early as 1894 we find a few loyal souls working on the ideals and principles, which were later to spring forth into what is now "The Church of the Nazarene". From time to time throughout the country, various missions and churches sprung up all with practically the same ideas on which to found their faith. These, of course, we must readily see, were independent of each other, and their individual financial troubles were of necessity taken care of separately, and without aid from each other. It was not until 1907 that a few of these churches were "Unionized", this taking place in Chicago. However, the present Church of the Nazarene did not come into being until Feb. 13, 1915, at Nashville, Tenn., at which time and place this union was effected, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

Considering the foregoing brief remarks regarding our history, is it any wonder we are proud of our achievements, both financially and spiritually? D. C. GAFFORD, Pastor.

#### SYMBOL OF NATION'S FORWARD STRIDE RISES ON SITE OF INDIAN MASSACRE



Where one hundred and twenty years ago stood the brave little stockade known as Fort Dearborn, nucleus of the present Chicago, today a modern twenty-story office building is nearing completion. The garrison of Fort Dearborn was massacred in 1812.

This site is now the American home of the London Guarantee & Accident Company. Much public interest centered in the design as the historic site.

#### Too Late to Classify

AIREDALE PUPPIES for sale—  
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Males \$50, females \$35. Box A card  
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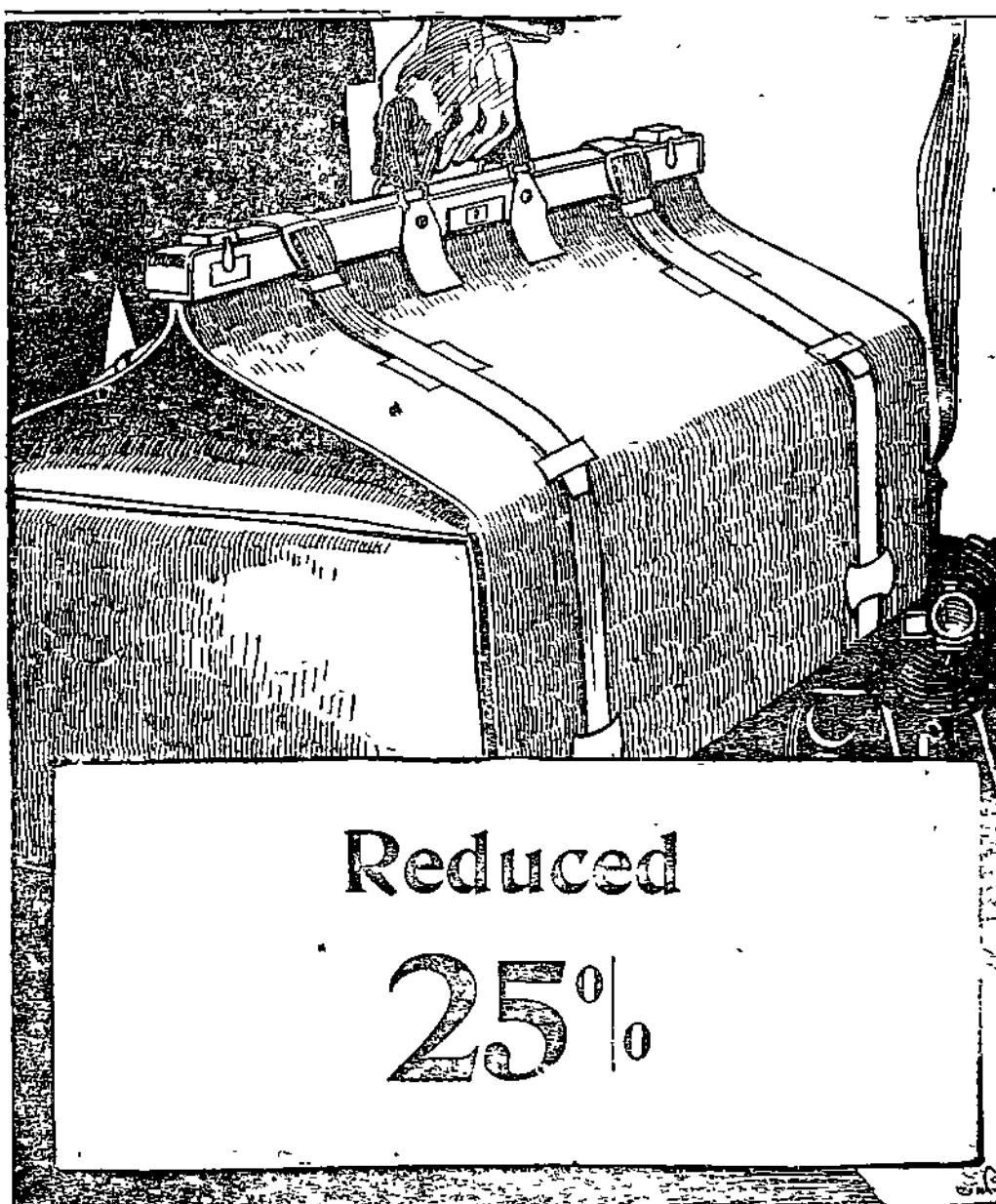
WANTED—A well built 2 or 3 room  
house or shack. One that will stand  
moving. Will buy house and lease if  
properly located. Call 548, Gulf  
Ref. Co., call for Moore 2d2E

FOR RENT—2 room apartment,  
nicely furnished, all modern conven-  
iences. Close in. Mrs. G. W. Per-  
kins, 9019-F2 2d3L

WANTED—A splendid two room  
house. Gas, electric lights and water  
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Grammer School. Phone Tracy 2d3L  
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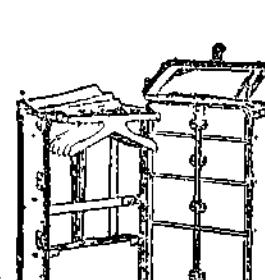
They are sturdily built—and the best judges of leather will tell you that you have made a wise purchase if you buy one of these suit cases or bags.

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## WELCH NO. 2 WILDCAT HAS OIL SHOWING

### Who Can Vote

George Perkins this morning had tax not later than December 31st, or prepared for publication the law regarding who can vote in the city elections tomorrow. From this it will be seen that a qualified voter must be twenty one years of age, a resident of Texas one year and a resident of Mexia six months. "Residence" is also defined. The payment of the city poll tax is not a requisite. All entitled to vote must live within the corporate limits of Mexia.

The law is as follows:

#### Who Can Vote

Sec. 31. Qualifications for Voting in City Elections—All qualified electors of this State, as described in Articles 2338 and 2339, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city or incorporated town shall have a right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers; but, in all elections to determine the expenditure of money or assumption of debt, or issuance of bonds, only those shall be qualified to vote who pay taxes on property in such city or incorporated town; provided, that no poll tax for the payment of debts thus incurred shall be levied upon the person debarred from voting in relation thereto. (Art. 2940, R. S.)

1. A party who moves into an incorporated city after January 1, 1909, is not subject to a poll tax in said city for the year 1909 and will be entitled to vote without having paid his city poll tax provided other poll taxes are paid and he is otherwise qualified.

2. To require one class of persons, viz., those residing outside the city, to pay the poll tax not later than January 31st, and another class, those residing within the city to pay same

### ARRINGTON SAYS CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE IN CITY AFFAIRS ARE UNJUST AND MISLEADING

I am prompted by a sense of justice to the individuals who comprise the citizenship of our town, and a spirit of fairness to those who have had in charge the administration of our governmental affairs to "rush into print" for several reasons.

The "yellow" sheet or handbill appearing on our streets last Saturday is calculated to be misleading and is very deceptive (probably so intended).

Those seeking election on a tax reduction platform should first ascertain if it is possible to reduce taxes and still run our government judiciously.

The statements I make here are founded on facts and invite your careful consideration.

I wish to preface my remarks by saying that this letter from me is unsolicited, I have no axe to grind, I am not connected in any way with the Municipal Government, I am not seeking any office, neither do I intend doing so.

I profess to know something of taxation and the need therfor and I challenge any one to prove that our present tax rate can be reduced over 15c without seriously impairing our government. I happen to know that the present administration have had under consideration long before now a reduction in the existing tax rate.

Regarding the expenses of our government I submit a comparative statement showing the operating expenses for the first three months of 1922 and for the corresponding period of 1923:

Operating expense for 3 mos., 1922 were \$21,883.33

Operating expenses for 3 mos., 1923 were \$12,425.10

You will observe a substantial reduction in operating expenses under this year of approximately eighty-nine hundred dollars or over 40 per cent. Who deserves credit for this reduction?

I also know that a still further reduction goes into effect today amounting approximately \$700 per month and this was planned long before the public was concerned about it.

Regarding the five hundred dollar salaries being paid, I wish to say I have investigated this feature also and will not have to retract any statement I have made when I say that no one connected with the present administration is receiving any such salary, neither is there a record of such salaries during ever

### Six Unmasked Men Get Six Mail Sacks In Illinois Hold-Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 2.—Six unmasked men who seized six sacks of mail at the Chicago & Alton Railway station here yesterday and staged a running gun battle with police in making a get-away, were sought through three States today.

Police claimed to have information that the raid was made by gangsters known as "Egan's Rats", having ramifications in Chicago and St. Louis. Haunts in those two cities, as well as in Illinois were being watched.

The robbers, suddenly descending upon the station with revolvers and sawed-off shotguns, obtained little, if any, valuable loot, postal authorities said today. They missed a sack of registered mail, it was declared.

Police came on the scene just as the robbers were leaving, tearing open letters and mail sacks as they went. A running battle down the principal streets, the bandits firing slugs and dum-dum bullets, ensued, throwing crowds at two or three dance halls, into a panic.

One suspect, heavily armed, was arrested near the place where the robbers abandoned their bullet splattered automobile. He was held pending investigation and is said to be a member of the gang believed to have staged the affair.

### First Blood In Fake Promoters Case Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, April 2.—The first blow of the federal government was struck in the Fort Worth oil promotion clean up. Charges were filed against twenty five promoters and warrants placed in the hands of United States Marshal. Use of the mails to defraud was charged. The first arrest was that of D. S. Hanninger of the Producers Association, which was headed by Dr. Cooke of North Pole fame.

### Lansing - Ishii Pact Obsolete and Dead

TOKYO, April 2.—The Japanese government is entirely willing to abrogate the Lansing-Ishii agreement under which the United States recognized the "special interests" of Japan in China, the exact definition of which has never been settled, it was learned. Japan considers that the value of the agreement has long since ceased to exist.

### Mill Operatives Get 10% Increase

ROCK HILL, S. C., April 2.—Wage increases of 10 per cent to mill operatives were announced today by five cotton mills here. They are to become effective immediately.

The mills granting the increase are the Arcade, Aragon, Industrial, Victoria Mills No. 1, and 2, and the Carthart Mills Nos. 1 and 2.

Yours truly,  
J. D. ARRINGTON.

### RAIN OR SHINE

(Information furnished by A. W. Waddill, the radio man, 305 East Commerce St., Phone 553.)

U. S. Weather Bureau's A. M. Forecast for April 2, 1923:

Mexia and Vicinity.

Tonight and Tuesday unsettled with probably showers, continued warm tonight, minimum temperature about 60 degrees, colder by Tuesday night, moderate to fresh Northwesterly winds. East Texas: tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably showers, warmer tonight. West Texas: tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably rain in Panhandle, colder in N. portion Tuesday.

Highway Weather Service.

Highways are generally rough and bad in Eastern Texas and Southern Oklahoma. Many detours will be found. Bad construction on extended trip settled weather.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Alma Cummings, who gives her home as San Antonio, Texas, today claims the world's non-stop dancing record. Six young men waltzed under the pace set by the girl, who fox-trotted, one stepped and waltzed twenty-seven hours without a break.

### 2500 FEET OF FLUID MOSTLY OIL IN HOLE

The biggest "April Fool" prank played yesterday was regarding reports concerning the Humphreys-Welch number 2 wildcat test, West of Groesbeck and about twelve miles Southwest of Mexia. The joke was that it was not a joke, as many oil scouts and operators, as well as the public generally, who were told that the hole was filling up with oil, discredited the rumor on the supposition that someone was trying to "April Fool" them. Nevertheless, there were quite a few who "bit" and who went to see for "safety first" purposes and because they are so interested in seeing new petroleum pools opened up in this section of Texas. Upon their return and especially this morning, the public realized that they were fooled Sunday in believing the true story to have been without foundation.

The Welch Number Two is now the chief topic of talk on the streets, despite the interest in municipal elections Tuesday. It is an Humphreys test and has reached down to a depth of 3865 feet. It is standing about 2500 feet in fluid, mostly oil. The most conservative report has had it 2100 instead of 2500 feet, but none deny that oil is coming up in the test. Some water is in the well but all seem to agree that it is not salt water and are encouraged accordingly. The casting has been set to a depth of 3400 feet, so about 465 feet of open hole exists and it is known that what water there is in it comes below the bottom of the 3400 feet of casing.

The gravity of the product shows 20.6 which is about the same grade as Smackover Heavy. Some operators point out that in many instances where a low gravity of oil is found production is in much greater quantities than in fields of lighter crude.

Some of the leading oil men, with whom the subject has been discussed are not overly optimistic or excited at all about the discovery, yet they believe that this is the forerunner of a real discovery in that territory and that a real pool will be opened at no distant date. They state that similar discoveries were made, on a lesser scale, in a test previously sent down in that vicinity. It will require a better showing to convince the conservative that a profitable or prolific pool will be penetrated there.

The drillers have had a fishing job for several weeks and it was known that until very recently there were three strings of tools in the hole—the last two being lost in fishing for the first ones dropped. It was this situation that caused many to discredit the rumor "April Fool's Day" and their hesitancy to accept the report was not due to any disposition on their part to minimize the geological reports that have been made regarding the district. Leading geologists here have pronounced the structure in that particular locality the best looking structure in this part of Texas. And as a result of these reports several of the large companies operating in the Mexia district have leased many hundreds of acres of land in that vicinity and between there and Thornton.

The Texas Company Stroud is now down around 800 feet.

### Auto Accident Kills 5 Persons

ASHLAND, Ky., April 2.—Five persons were killed and two injured here yesterday when an automobile collided with a Chesapeake & Ohio locomotive at a grade crossing.

Mrs. J. R. Saunders, who, with her two children survived, was unable to explain the crash. Her husband was among those killed.

### TOM CAMPBELL FUNERAL AT PALESTINE HOME

GALVESTON, Tex., April 2.—The body of former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell, of Palestine, who died here last night, was to be taken to Palestine today.

The former Governor, who had been ill at the John Sealy Hospital here for nearly a year, became suddenly worse shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and lapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never recovered.

Campbell suffered from an intestinal disorder.

People who look for trouble never

### Half Doz. Bandits Hold Up Governm't Mail Truck At St. L.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—Six heavily armed bandits held up a Government mail truck here today and escaped with nine sacks of registered mail.

The robbers intercepted the truck, covered the driver and armed guard with revolvers, seized the mail sacks and dashed away in an automobile.

No estimate of the amount of money contained in the sacks had been made.

The truck was carrying the heavy Easter week-end mail from the main postoffice to the Bridge branch postoffice in the heart of the commission house district near the water front.

Federal officials investigating the hold-up worked on the theory it was carried out by the same gang which robbed a mail truck at Springfield Sunday morning. One of the suspects captured at Springfield was a well known St. Louis police character.

The St. Louis hold-up was carried out in regulation "wild west" methods, used in the Springfield robbery.

Bringing their auto to a stop directly in front of the mail truck, the bandits leaped out, five of them holding sawed off shotguns, and the sixth leveling two heavy caliber revolvers at the driver and guards of the truck.

All of the bandits were masked with large handkerchiefs.

Working deliberately, three of the robbers transferred the mail sacks from the truck to the rear seat of their automobile.

The other bandits forced the chauffeur and guard from the seat of the truck and locked them in the iron cage from which they had taken the mail.

They drove the truck down a narrow alley before driving away in their own automobile.

The imprisoned men called vainly from their cage for half an hour before they were rescued by a passerby.

### Germany Renews Talk for Peace

By CARL D. GROAT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 2.—Germany renewed talk of negotiations to end the Ruhr deadlock today following the outbreak of violence in the occupied areas over the week-end that cost twenty-two lives.

The Berlin press asks if it is not time to put out more feelers to Paris and Brussels, suggesting the advantage lies with Germany.

What was going on in the troubled area around Essen could not be definitely determined today, communications with that storm center being interrupted. One of the last things known to have occurred is the arrest by the French of four general managers of the Krupp work where French troops Saturday killed nine German workers and wounded thirty with machine gun fire. The managers are charged with inciting the workers by ordering factory sirens sounded when a French patrol

approached to requisition automobiles.

A crowd menaced the troops, they reported, and they were forced to open fire.

Eleven were killed in a train wreck Saturday and two others were killed in fighting over the week-end.

Mingling with the popular outcry here that bloodshed in the Ruhr must cease, came indications today that the Cuno Government might try new peace maneuvers this week, based on the theory that Belgium at least is tiring of the adventure, and might be split from France if satisfactory offers were made.

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Blanche Walker with Marshall Walker Co. at the Opera House this week.

## Outgoing City Commissioners Issue Statement Regarding Administration

So far, we have taken no active part in the forthcoming City Election, other than what should be taken by any citizen or voter, who is interested in the future welfare of our fair City, nor had we intended to write anything until asked by The News to submit facts for publication as taken from the records. And in view of the fact that our administration has been attacked by some of the candidates, running for City Commission to succeed us; some statements having been made by these are untrue, and these statements having been printed in circular form, in The News, and distributed, promiscuously, last Saturday, we are submitting this article for publication. Hoping, that with the true facts, you will be in a better position to cast your vote for the men you wish to handle the affairs of the City for the next two years.

Frankly, we are not as much ashamed of the manner in which we have handled the town's business, as some other citizens. In fact, we hope that in future years our administration will be pointed to with pride, by those who know the conditions under which we labored throughout the latter part of 1921 and the first part of 1922.

As to salaries paid to our City Attorney or City Manager, or anyone else, we have no apologies to make, and, as business men and tax payers, we would do the same thing again, under like circumstances. In the first place, the City Attorney nor the City Manager have never been paid Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per month, and we know no reason why such a statement should have been made, as the facts as to salaries paid have been published in detailed statement, made only a few weeks ago, and a matter of record at the City Hall that is available to any citizen of the town.

At the time these contracts were made, as most of you know, conditions were entirely different to what they are now. The contracts were made for one year and are just now expiring.

We note, too, that the publishers of this circular endorse our present Chamber of Commerce, and its officials, and we are glad they do, for we have been supporters of the Chamber of Commerce ever since it has been in existence. However, if we are not misinformed, the Secretary of that organization draws the same salary as our City Attorney and City Manager, and, even though we are making no criticisms of his work, and are helping pay his salary, we do think the work that has been done by Major C. H. Machen, our City Attorney, and Geo. W. Hunt, our City Manager, has certainly been of much importance and worth as much to the City as the work of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has ever been or ever will be.

It has also been shown in a published statement that had our City Attorney been on the fee basis, as has always been the custom up until the time we made the trade with Major Machen, he would have always received for his services more than \$8,000, and then would have been under no obligations to do the civil work for the City, in connection with the various bond issues that have been submitted and carried by the voters of Mexia, during our administration, and which would have cost the City hundreds of dollars on the outside. You will, therefore, see that, in addition to the extra services he has rendered to the City, he has turned into the City's General Fund more than \$3,000 in fees than he has received in salary. Right here, we also want to say that some time ago, Major Machen recommended to the City Council that owing to the present peaceful conditions that now exist here, the services of a full paid City Attorney would not be needed another year.

At the time we employed Geo. W. Perkins, and here we want to say he did not seek the place, we did so because of his peculiar qualifications for that place, acquired by about ten

## City Water and Sewerage Systems Show Profit to City Since They Became Properties of Municipality

City Water Superintendent R. D. Morgan, who is also City Engineer for Mexia, under date of April 1, 1923, made the following report for the month of March, showing the City Water and Sewerage Departments are operating at a profit, while expansions and extensions are being made, adding to the assets of the departments. The capital expenditures, Engineer Morgan explains, are for improvements that become permanent and are to be added to the assets of the city.

The March statement is in line with former statements made, which have likewise shown a profit since the property has become municipally owned, controlled and managed, a few months ago.

Since the city purchased the waterworks, reference to the records show that Mexia has not been without water a single day.

STATEMENT  
Mexia Water & Sewer Department.

April 1, 1923

Capital Expenditures

General Office ..... \$ 171.50  
Stores ..... 80.05  
Construction ..... 251.55  
Reservoirs and Dams ..... 1719  
Manis and accessories ..... 984.96  
Maintenance ..... 1012.15  
Construction ..... 2.50  
Labor ..... 253.50  
Pay Rolls ..... 995.25  
Motive Power ..... 1188.00  
Lubricants ..... 24.15  
Freight and Express ..... 33.53  
Light and heat ..... 7.94

Telephone and telegraph ..... 10.63  
Gas and oil ..... 35.11  
Sundry ..... 15.35  
Undistributed  
Administrative  
Salaries (water & sewer) ..... 425.00  
Printing and stationery ..... 75.15  
Postage and advertising ..... 35.00  
Sundry ..... 54.85  
General  
Rebate ..... 53.20  
Sewer Department  
Capital  
Mains ..... 627.26  
Septic Tanks ..... 248.53  
Maintenance  
Septic Tanks ..... 110.50  
Filter beds ..... 50.00  
Operation  
Labor ..... 140.50  
Total ..... 5815.12  
Current water ..... \$3593.44  
Del. water ..... 194.35  
Meter department ..... 285.00  
Sundry ..... 13.90  
Current Sewer ..... 697.26  
Del. Sewer ..... 6.00  
Sundry ..... 4.25  
Taps and connections ..... 30.00  
Sundry ..... 306.75  
Total ..... 5130.94  
Less Abatments ..... 7.20  
Total ..... 5123.70  
Balance March 1 ..... 3099.38  
Collection, March ..... 5123.70  
Less Checks ..... 5815.12  
Book Balance ..... 2407.96

## It's A Sad, Sad Year For Champs.

BY HENRY L. FARRELL  
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, April 2—Battling Siki should not mourn too much about the loss of his light-heavyweight championship. He isn't the only one who has been dethroned this year and he isn't the last one who will get it.

Siki wasn't going any place in particular, anyway. He was always in danger of the "first good man" he met, and Mike McTigue, the succeeding champion, is in the same fix.

McTigue should remain champion as long as he stays away from first class opponents from the middle-weights up. Mike can't hit and his boxing will not make him popular enough to cash in heavy on his title.

One peculiar thing about Mike is the jinx that he seems to work over colored boxers. He was one of the first to whip Panama Joe Gans, when all of the first class white middle-weights were ducking the colored champion. He also knocked out George Robinson, after George had given a fine pasting to Johnny Wilson, the champion.

All the experts are falling back on the old crack, always made about an unknown who pulls the unexpected—"he is better than he is ever given

credit for being."

McTigue was only considered fair when he was around here before. He was a tapper and a dancer and he couldn't get work because he wasn't a card. He is still a tapper and a dancer, but he may be more of a card now because he has the phony title hanging on him.

That light-heavyweight championship has had a hectic experience in the last three years, and it has been in a variety of hands. Battling Levinsky, a Jew, held it until Georges Carpentier cracked him on the jaw. Battling Siki, a Senegalese, took it away from Carpentier and passed it on to McTigue, an Irishman. If Pancho Villa should take on a lot of flesh, he might be able to make the racial circle more complete.

Herry Greb, Pancho Villa, and Mike O'Dowd are with Siki as ex-champions of the year. It was predicted that 1923 would be a bad year for the champs, and the prophets are making good. Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Wilson and Joe Lynch can help along in making the doping 100 per cent, and they will make it that way, if they'll take anything but setups.

true, even though he did not endorse our work. We are not candidates for re-election, nor have we ever been, and, although we are retiring from the Council of the City, we want to say that regardless of whom you may elect, if, at any time, our services will be of any further assistance to the City Council, in any way that will be for the good of our town, our services are available.

We are still citizens of the town and tax payers, and are vitally interested in its future welfare, and will always be found ready to help generously with our time, and to the limit with our money, any just cause, enterprise or institution that is for the good of Mexia.

W. W. Barnett  
J. I. Riddle.

Commissioner Roy Haynes says that the number of men sent to the workhouses in Ohio last year was 10,000 less than for the last year of the open saloon, that there was a decrease of 20 per cent in the number of orphan children sent to state homes, that drunkenness has fallen from 33,800 in 1918 to 17,655 in 1922.

About the only way a man can fool a woman is to make her believe she is fooling him when in reality she isn't.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—Citizens' training camps will be held this year at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Logan, Colorado; Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The Westerly Sun, of Westerly, Rhode Island, reports a reduction of 76 per cent in drunks in Washington County and the State south of Providence, under prohibition.

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## Texas University Baseball Team Meets Daniel Baker Two Games

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—With rain and cold having forced the cancellation of both games scheduled against Southwestern University during the past week, the University of Texas Longhorn baseball team will play its first collegiate games of the season here Today and Tuesday against the Daniel Baker College nine. The rain and cold prevented Coach "Billy" Disch from working his diamond candidates much in practice during the past week, and he expects his nine to suffer from partial loss of their "batting eyes" during the opening innings of the Daniel Baker series, because the Orange batters haven't been able to set up to the plate and look 'em over this week. As the Monday and Tuesday games against the Pirates were cancelled, the April 30 game at Georgetown between the Longhorns and Southwestern University nine will probably be the only meeting of the year between the two ancient baseball rivals.

The Longhorns open their Southwestern Conference race Friday and Saturday, April 6, and 7, against the snappy Rice Institute team. Rice is led by "Peg" Melton, a most effective Southwestern conference pitcher, and reports from Houston credit the Owls with a strong lineup. Coach Disch will devote all his training during the coming week to getting his Longhorns in shape for these opening Southwestern conference tilts, for the race this season promises to be unusually close, and a couple of early season defeats would go hard with the Longhorns' slim chance of capping the championship for the twelfth consecutive time.

On April 9 the Longhorns meet Trinity University here in a non-conference game and April 13 and 14 Texas A. & M. Aggies diamond squad will be here for a couple of Southwestern conference games.

Lots of men who talk knowingly of labor, and capital never did the one nor had the other.

Why is it that a fat woman seldom has a disagreeable temper?

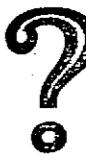
Cleave to the good. Use a cleaver on the bad.

Politeness of some men causes them to be looked upon with suspicion.

SAN ANTONIO.—While a heavy rain had all the other Giants in the hotel, Jack Bentley, the \$65,000 Baltimore pitcher, went out to the ball park and spent the morning playing handball and running around the field in the moisture. McGraw heard about it and made the other pitchers go out and work.

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Reuther, Grimes, Vance and Decatur, the best of the Brooklyn pitchers, failed to stop the Cleveland Indians, who won an exhibition game, 9 to 6. Senna and Guisto hit homers off Reuther.

## WANTED—A NAME



\$5.00 CASH will be paid for a suitable name to be used for the News Stand on the corner of Commerce and Sherman, in front of the Mexia Drug Co. This is the handsomest corner in Mexia which makes it the busiest. This stand is changing ownership April 2nd. Will be owned and operated by its originator—E. J. Ormsby. Will sell a complete line of magazines and newspapers. PERSONAL SERVICE will be the watch-word. Will handle all business as the local agent for "Dallas Morning News", "The Dallas Journal", "The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News". Will also be an uptown branch for the "Mexia Daily News" to accept subscriptions and want ads. Offer good until 10th of April. Leave answers at Newsstand.



The General Federation of Women's Clubs meets in Atlanta, Georgia, May 10 to 11th. The most important question which could come before these important women is the question of preserving and enforcing prohibition.

One of the prominent taxicab companies of the country has found its liabilities for personal damage only 37.8 per cent of what they were before prohibition.

Lady Astor addressed the National Council of Free Churches on temperance reform in the latter part of February at Bristol, England.



## Announcement!

## Hickman's Beauty Week

### ELMO DEMONSTRATION THIS WEEK "Elmo—For Beauty"

#### 5 Minutes a Day Creates Beauty

Mrs. Hunt, Beauty Expert, at Hickman's Store says it costs but half a penny.

Before coming to Mexia, Mrs. Hunt, beauty specialist representing the Elmo toilet preparations, made an extensive study of the Southwestern climatic effects on the complexion and says that the correct use of the right creams will improve and beautify anyone's complexion even in our trying climate. She further says that it takes but five minutes a day and the cost is but half a penny a day for the treatment necessary.

Continuing, Mrs. Hunt says: "One may have good eyes, regular features and glorious hair, but, if the complexion is shallow or colorless there is little beauty in the face." Modern beauty creams do much to eradicate any unnatural condition of the skin, and she personally recommends Elmo preparations for this climate, to be used as follows:

For removing blackheads and whiteheads and building up the tissues use Elmo Tissue Cream. For cleansing the skin thoroughly and for bleaching use Elmo Cleansing Cream. If the skin is discolored or the pores enlarged the Elmo Cucumber Cream is used.

Demonstrations at the store from 2 to 6 daily for this week, April 2 to 8. Any information desired will be given by Mrs. Hunt. Ask her what you want to know.

## HICKMAN'S

## Great Ocean Liners Now Have Real Modern Hospitals Aboard



Child receiving surgical treatment aboard the Conte Rosso

NOWADAYS hospitals on board ship are often found most scientifically equipped. Surgical and medical service is no longer a mere matter of first aid, for delicate operations are performed as in the leading hospitals ashore. There are separate wards for men and for women, consulting room, prescription room, operating room and isolation ward all kept immaculately clean, with windows insuring perfect ventilation.

A recent incident which shows the value of these floating hospitals occurred when an American seaman on the Eastern King, a Shipping Board freighter, was transferred on the high seas in a critical condition to the fast Italian liner Conte Rosso, enroute from the Mediterranean, which was summoned by S. O. S. In thanking

Col. Dr. M. Serrati, American Representative of the Lloyd Sabaudo Line, owners of the Conte Rosso, W. J. Love, vice-president of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, states:

"I have been requested by the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board and the Trustees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, owners of the Eastern King, to convey through to you the master of the Conte Rosso Captain Cav. Uff. Fulvio Cignoni and her surgeon, Dr. Giovanni Valenzi, their deep appreciation of the humanitarian services rendered by these gentlemen to a member of the crew of our Eastern King, and to further compliment the master of the Conte Rosso on his splendid seamanship and willing co-operation."

## Boundless Enthusiasm and Energy Of Mexia Citizens an Outstanding Virtue in Life of the Community

## They Like Fletcher In South America

At the Salesmanship club last Wednesday, Mr. Stuart of the Stuart Auto Supply Company, delivered the following address on "What I Like and What I Don't Like About Mexia": "Mr. President and Fellow Salesmen: "What I like and what I don't like about my home town seems to be a very popular subject at this time not only in our city, but in a great many other Texas cities and you have doubtless noticed that one of the leading daily publications of the State is devoting considerable space to a series of articles dealing with the subject and exploiting the home town of the writer.

"I have read several of these articles and have been struck by the uniform manner in which each stresses the things that are good about his town in fact you could take any one of these articles I have read and by changing names apply it to any town or city in these United States and why not? For it is a trait of Americanism to love and cherish and see no evil in that place or section we call home.

"It is not the usual things found in most towns of our size that gives me material for a discussion of those things I like about Mexia but in making this statement I do not decry our usual city virtues be gotten by a spirit of 100% loyalty to our God, our country, and our homes, and without which no city could exist even if endowed with ten times the resources of one of the largest oil fields yet discovered. It goes without saying that we as a city are indebted to the development of our oil resources for a greater part of our recent growth and with no effort on our part there will be a further growth in direct proportion to the advancement of the oil industry but Mexia if you please, is not content to face the future as purely the child of a natural resource but is continually reaching out for industrial enterprises, the obtaining of which will place her upon a solid rock foundation and guarantee her future as a city. It is the pursuance of this policy that I like best about Mexia. Show me any town similarly situated that will produce one-tenth the energy and enthusiasm for a worthy project industrial or civic that has been accorded every movement of such kind by Mexia.

"It is the Mexia spirit of confidence the boundless energy of her people and their ability to look upon misfortunes without wavering from their determination to make a city that soon instills in the new-comer the feeling that in addition to the usual city virtues before mentioned Mexia has something to offer better and greater than just an average town in which to do business.

"I am aware that there is room for improvement, an opportunity for a closer knitting of individual interests for the general good of all but these things are not material for an intelligent discussion of things I don't like; for with the forward march of progress in any city personal interests are soon laid aside and forgotten in the daily practice of co-operation and co-operation, and such will be our experience.

"Even in touching upon what some might term the shortcomings of Mexia I am reminded of a story told to me a good many years ago. Two white wings, or street cleaners, during the hour were sitting upon the curb in a city street discussing the sudden death of a fellow worker and for several minutes they were occupied in general praise of the late departed life as a worker and fellowman. After having repeated all of his many good traits there was a silence of several minutes each apparently deep in thought and then one spoke. 'Yes Bill was the best man I ever knew but George don't you think he was just a little weak when working around the corners?'

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## CALMNESS PUTS OVER THE BIG IDEA

Do you get excited when you become intensely interested? Enthusiasm is essential to success but not the variety of enthusiasm which causes a person to talk rapidly, wholly without the balance wheel of practical thought.

The kind of enthusiasm which really counts is the sort which permits of perfect control of the emotions yet is sufficiently strong to permit of full concentration on the subject.

There are persons with hobbies who cannot talk about them without getting wrought up to high tension so that they do little besides jabber.

So aroused they become that they give little heed, and no sound consideration, to what any other person may say.

When a man or a woman is discussing something particularly interesting to themselves and their eyes take on an excited expression, the face flushes, body becomes tense and the fingers work convulsively, there is a failure to create a favorable impression upon those with whom they speak.

It is the calm, sincere, thinking person who can put over a big idea.

The Groesbeck Journal says: "The fellow who made the memorable speech in the Arkansas Legislature opposing the changing of the name of Arkansas has descendants living in Groesbeck who oppose every progressive movement."

If they use the same sort of language that the Arkansas solon used we will have to refrain from printing their remarks because this is a home paper.

## "WHILE OTHERS SLEEP"

## FISHING TIME

Somehow old summer's sweet'ring heat  
Just makes us lazy as can be  
We long to find some cool retreat  
Where drop will come to mercury;  
We mop our brow that's humid steam  
The sun pours down a hundred-three  
And puff and blow and think and dream  
Of streamlet's verge neath shady tree.

From eight or nine to peep of moon  
We lool and sweat the long day thru  
So the sun's chopped in month of June  
There nothing else a boy can do  
But stree' and yawn with heat dis-

And then of when chill winter blew  
For August time's the month of rest  
Of love and dreams and labors few.

But sometimes joys come in disguise  
It's like the bitter in the sweet  
We oft have won the treasured prize  
When heart was crushed with sad defeat;

So those old dog-days hath some charm  
Tho' eyes are blur'd with dancing heat

The crops laid by down on the farm  
The barn is full of corn and wheat.

When August comes in quiv'ring glow  
And stee'ps the brow with salty brine

It's time to get your grubbing hoe  
And search the lot for red-worm sign

For fishing's great down in the stream  
And there the air is fresh and fine

You'll get a taste of life's sweet dreams

With hook and pole and linen line.

Just take your pole and can of worms

And seek some cool, sequestered nook

Where some tall weeping willow forms  
Its canopy o'er babbling brook;

Now spread yourself in that nice place

That place Old Sol long since forsook

**CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS**  
By N. P. Hoy

## WITHOUT COMMENT

Oklahoma courts are improving. One has just held that an oil company can not drill for oil in cemetery located in the Tonkawa oil field. It sometimes occurs that the cupidity of man overreaches itself.—Terrell Transcript.

St. Louis is highly encouraged over the reports of prosperity in the South.

As a great distributing center, that city will benefit from the improving conditions. But St. Louis should not forget that she has formidable rivals for the trade of the South now. Memphis, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth and Shreveport are attracting much of the trade that in former days has gone to St. Louis. These cities are growing at a tremendous rate, and each year adds to their importance as commercial centers. As a matter of fact, in many respects the trade territory of St. Louis is being gradually reduced. The greater part of this city lies in the depths of manufacturing. It's almost as if a mining center is already rapidly impinging by cities of the South and Southwest.—Houston Post.

David Lawrence says that Harding will make the high cost of living the main issue in the next presidential campaign. We'll glad to hear the Republicans explain some of the mysterious things that have happened under their administration. Such as the recent advance in sugar and the several other necessities protected by their iniquitous tariff.—Mineral Wells Index.

one glimpse. And about one glimpse is all he wants.—Groesbeck Journal.

Of course it may not be important, but sometimes we wonder how the blind kitten finds its filling station.—Snap Shots.

The negro Roy Mitchell was given three death penalties inside of ten days and is likely to receive two more before this week is out. Of course, the higher courts are going to have their whack at these cases, and there is no telling what they are going to do with them but if only one is affirmed, Mitchell will get all that the law can do to him, and that is not anywhere near the punishment he deserves.—Riesel Rustler.

## The Editor's Chair

A lawyer charged \$10 for ten minute's conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh, phew—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or a wedding or a social function and spends three hours in writing it and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant error or charges 5 cents straight for three extra papers he is a stingy cuse who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of city papers twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most-any-old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man! How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

## Abolition Of Fees Nets City \$1,424.13 In Two Offices Here

The following is a statement from the City Clerk's office issued, as of date, April 1, regarding the disbursements for the salaries of City Manager George W. Perkins and of City Attorney Chester H. Machen, and also of the fees paid in by them as Corporation Judge and City Attorney respectively during the past thirteen months:

12 months at \$416.67.....\$5,418.71  
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Total.....\$10,837.42

Fees for 18 months at \$1.70 \$3,445.05

Fees for 18 months at \$5.00 \$8,816.50

Total.....\$12,261.55

Amount over and above

Salaries.....\$1,424.13

\$10,837.42

CORSICANA.—Herschel I. Smith, theatre proprietor of Wortham, near here, was killed when his automobile turned turtle near here late yesterday.

DENISON.—Homer Overton, 24, was found dead on the back porch of his parents' home here. A pistol lay near his body. His failure to marry a girl to whom he had been engaged caused him to commit suicide, according to his father's belief.

DALLAS.—Mrs. J. G. Smythe, 27, died at a hospital here last night from burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open gas stove.

DENISON.—Godwin L. Blackford, president of the State National bank here, died at his home yesterday afternoon as he was seated at the dining table preparing to eat. Blackford had extensive interest, being vice-president of the K. O. & G. railroad, owner of a large racing stable and stockholder in several coal companies.

The rippling stream whose gentle flow

Chants on and on thy mystic rhyme

Where pinks and fragrant daisies grow

And paints thy dells in art sublime;

To thy dear sports and menthol shades

Our thought are turned in August time

Thy scenes from memory never fades

Thou sweet recluse from sunburnt clime.

## THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

BACK TO THE OLD VILLAGE  
—JOE SAPPINGTON

A few days ago I stopped at the little village where thirty odd years ago I was a clerk in one of its stores. Times has wrought many changes in that little town and few indeed of the old landmarks have escaped its ravaging hands. The old store building where I clerked is still standing, but no longer occupied and the stranger passing through would give it but a fleeting glance. But to me, that old building now almost in ruins, is very dear, and the very sight of it stirred emotions within my breast gloriously sad and melancholy.

When I looked at the few remaining familiar scenes of a generation ago, tears came to my eyes. There stood in lonely grandeur Buck Dawson's old blacksmith shop, where we

used to pitch horse shoes, discuss politics and religion and look at Buck's latest railroad chart he had

marked on the wall with charcoal, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the village was situated at the

very point where at least three imaginary railroads converged. Then there

was the old hitching rack leaning at half mast, that brought to memory the

time Zack Hodge's mule became violently ill and the heroic remedies em

ployed to save his life, but in spite of

the combined efforts of the forty odd

horse doctors present, the mule passed

away.

Nothing but the ruins of the chimney remains to show where the old school house had stood. It was there one night at a railroad meeting that old Cap Foster and Uncle Mart Blevins disagreed as to the location of the depot of Buck's mythical railroads that was making a bee line for the village. Uncle Mart and old Cap owned farms on opposite sides adjoining the village and each wanted the depot located on his land. Old Cap it seems had taken time by the forelock by setting aside the ground for the depot and staking off the rest of his land into town lots which fact he boldly revealed that night in a speech. However, before he had concluded his remarks Uncle Mart was on his feet and with clinched fists denounced old Cap in the severest terms and among other things called him a "derned old hog."

"I've stood that derned old hog as long as I can," shouted Uncle Mart, "and I'm going to see to it

that he don't manipulate this here rail-

road that's comin' here this time." It

took nearly every able-bodied man

present to hold the belligerents apart,

and the meeting closed in wildest con-

fusion.

But amidst these pleasant reveries came the thought that I was a stranger in the village where a generation ago I knew everybody and his dog. Not only the faces were strange, but the names had not a familiar sound, and to make matters worse, no one with whom I talked seemed to have the least interest in the pioneer of the old village, not even except myself. Surely I thought, everyone had heard of the fight that had took place not more than thirty five years ago between Dal Jenkins and Bill Spence, over the proper mode of baptism but when I relate the circumstances they all laughed in a mirthless sort of way and said they had never heard of it before. Then I told of the romance of Tom Douglas and Lucy Howard had taken place in that village the year Grover Cleveland was first elected president. Told how Tom had dashed up on his fiery steed and rushing into the house clasped Lucy in his arms just

## TRAINING CAMP NOTES

NEW ORLEANS.—Vance and Schmid for the Waco Indians, of the Texas Association here yesterday resulted in a 1 to 0 victory for the Dallas team.

SHERMAN.—Under the chaperonage of Snipe Conley, another division of the Dallas Steers invaded Sherman yesterday and defeated the Sherman Red Sox 8 to 6. Swartz and Davenport hurled for the invaders.

WICHITA FALLS.—Wichita Falls took the last game of the series from the Tulsa Oilers. Wheeler and Darrow hurled the Spudders into a 1 to 4 victory.

CORSICANA.—Argujo and Edgar hurling for the Gumbo Busters of the Texas Association, allowed no man of the Dallas Cotton Exchange ball team to reach second base in a one-sided fence busting contest here yesterday. The score was 10 to 0.

## HEAD COLDS

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April 2, 1923.

## Letters from People

## SUB-IRRIGATION

Times and methods of farming have changed so much from what they use to be that some method of cultivating the soil will have to be put forward to make agriculture more attractive to the growing generation. The old plan of farming is fast becoming an eyesore to the young generation that they naturally look to some more interesting pursuits in life. The profits from the soil have vanished, until the average youngster can only see failure in farming. Intensive farming will have to be the slogan if this country expects to go ahead and become a self-supporting one. That the ground does not produce as much as it use to cannot be denied, and there is a reason for this. Agriculture has had to get along the best it could under any and every condition put upon it in this rush for supremacy in this living world. To destroy agriculture would be a fatal calamity to this Nation or any other Nation as to that, and much of our present distress can be laid to the lack of fostering and encouraging this branch of our industry. That the lack of moisture has had a great deal to do with this discouragement cannot be denied, and once discouraged it is hard to get people to see any thing but failure in whatever they undertake to do.

Sub-irrigation and fertilization is the only true methods that the soil can be brought back to its high state of cultivation and many are the successful efforts of this system. We only have to look about a bit to prove this and, read the Agricultural papers.

Many people hold up their hands in horror when we talk of sub-irrigating other than level land. Some of the most successful sub-irrigated tracts of land are far from being level. Any ground, no matter how uneven, has a contour or level line running through it that very porous pipes made of cement and sand could be laid and convey water to any part of the tract. This is done by selecting the highest point of the ground for a base of supply and running pipes on a level to a point where it will be desirous to change the course and then dropping down to lower level until the land has been covered at such distances as the soil will allow percolation from the pipes to feed the crops. By actual practice these distances have been as follows:

For black waxy soil nine feet apart has been found successful. For a more sandy alluvial soil eleven feet and a loose soil very alluvial thirteen feet have been found successful. The state of the soils has quite a bit to do with the success of the plant, and it would be money well spent to have a soil expert examine the soil and give information as to the distances the pipes should be laid. There is another important feature to a sub-irrigated field that does not lay level and this is: when it is desired to drop from one level to another trap should be placed at the highest level to prevent the water from being wasted. When the top row is filled the water overflows to the next level and so on to the last level thus leaving all the pipes full of water to do its work. There have been some failures because of not placing this trap in the lines when the ground was not level enough to let the water flow and stand in all of them.

The amount of water necessary for sub-irrigation is about one fifth of the top or open ditch irrigation. There are very few farms that could not afford water, as it is not necessary to keep the water flowing continually into the pipes. In very dry times about twice a week is ample and after the pipes are filled there is plenty of time to recuperate the water supply. On level ground there should be a drainage provided as an attraction for the water as it will flow much better if the air can be expelled from the pipes and give it free access. One little system in operation will provide plenty of education and the more study the better results are obtained.

The sizes of the concrete pipes should be about three inches inside measurement and should be made as dry as the cement and sand will congeal and become hard enough to remove from the molds. This is for the purpose of making the pipes as porous as it is thought to be necessary. These pipes should be laid about

fourteen inches under the ground from their tops so as not to disturb them while cultivating. They should be laid level on each line and cemented at the joints to hold them in place. Enough water will go through the pipes to feed the vegetation without leaving the joints without cementing. These pipes can be made at odd spells by taking a piece of two and one half inch gas pipe and a five inch stove pipe for the molds, and placing them on a smooth surface, tamping the aggregate lightly and removing the core or gas pipe before the cement sets too firmly, then set the form away until it becomes hard enough to handle. Two cores and two dozen outer forms will keep anyone busy all day making the pipes. The outer form is not grooved but held in place by wire rings that can be removed when the cement is hard enough to handle.

The cost of sub-irrigation varies according to what process of making and laying the pipes is adopted and runs from \$100 to \$175 per acre. One party in conversation with the writer says: "Lor-a-mercy", that's more than my land cost." What if it is? If you can spend one hundred dollars per acre on your land and make it worth seven or eight hundred dollars, as has been the case, is the expense worth it to say nothing of a sure crop and a larger crop every year no matter how dry. If two bales of cotton can be raised on an acre instead of one four bale and, sometimes not that much you could make ten acres do what you are trying to do with 80 acres now and would not have to work as hard. In other words more ground could be put into pasture and more stock raised on each farm and could be done so much easier than the old way of doing things. A few mules could be raised and you would not have to go to Missouri for your mules but, could sell some to your neighbors.

That some system of farming much different from the present system must be put in operation in this Sunny South cannot be denied and the sooner it is done the better if we would escape from the awful calamity King Tut fell into.

The lawns of the city could be irrigated and made to blossom as a rose garden the year round.

W. W. Rocke.

COTTON MILL SITUATION  
Mr A. Garland Adair, Editor,  
Mexia Daily News,  
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Adair:

I have just read with interest an article printed in the Southern Opportunities Magazine, published from my native state, Alabama, and in as much as it touches on the Cotton Mill situation, I thought that it would interest Mexia citizens. After you have read the article which it hereto attached, if in your opinion it is worth while, I would thank you to give space in your publication at an early date that those interested in a Cotton Mill for Mexia may acquaint themselves a little further along the lines of why the South is drawing these industries in this direction.

The article is as follows:  
"Movement of textile mills from the

It is common knowledge that the cotton mills of the south have been more active than the north during the past year, but the probabilities are that few in the trade realize how wide has been the spread between the two sections of the cotton manufacturing industry in the extent of their operations.

An analysis of government statistics show that in the first ten months of the year the cotton spindles of the south ran on an average 20 per cent more time than the spindles of the north. The southern spindles operated an average of 2,615 hours, while the northern spindles ran only 1,617 hours.

The southern mills with a normal working day average of 10.2 hours, ran on an average at 110 per cent normal, while the northern mills, with a normal day of only nine hours, ran at only 77 per cent of normal. The average for the country as a whole was about 94 per cent.

In other words, the southern mills not only run their longer regular working day but supplemented it with a great amount of night work, while the northern mills averaged to run only about three fourths of their shorter day schedule.

The extraordinary difference between mill activity in the south and in the north is further brought out by a comparison of the total number of spindle hours that the two sections

north to the south continues at a very encouraging rate. In fact, our own southern people do not fully appreciate the extent of this movement and the opportunity that is now before them to secure branches of some of the largest New England mills seeking southern locations.

Only of recent date H. C. Meserve,

Secretary of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, with head-

quarters in Boston, gave out a state-

ment to the Associated Press, to the ef-

fect that certain textile companies had

stated that they would make no fur-

ther appropriations for enlargements

of plants in New England states, and

with the implication that in future all

improvements, and appropriations for

enlargements would go to southern

branches.

There are numerous advantages of-

ered in the south which have attracted

these mills, the principal of which

is the lower cost of production.

Recently a Boston Banker, Alston H.

Gerside, who is industrial service manager for the Merchants National bank of that city, gave out an analysis of

conditions which existed north and

south which show an astonishing

breadth between conditions in the two

sections. Mr. Gerside's analysis ap-

peared in a recent issue of the New

York Journal of Commerce, and since

the authority is one closely identified

with mill conditions in the north, it

must be accepted as fairly represent-

ing the averages in the two sections.

Southern Opportunities believes that

the article of Mr. Gerside is one that

should be published in all southern

communities which are looking after

new industries, since it indicates that

those communities most active will be

beneficiaries. The analysis is quoted as follows:

"It is common knowledge that the

cotton mills of the south have been

more active than the north during the

past year, but the probabilities are

that few in the trade realize how wide

has been the spread between the two

sections of the cotton manufacturing

industry in the extent of their operations.

This however, has not been the major

factor in the situation, as is shown

by the fact that the same condition

prevailed to a marked extent in the

colossal months of 1921, before the la-

bor difficulties in New England b-

egan.

In November, 1921, the southern

spindles ran, on an average of 252

hours, against 177 for the northern

spindles, and in December 289 against

188. Moreover in October of this year

when most of the labor difficulties

had been cleared up, the southern

spindles averaged 284 hours, against

177 for the northern mills.

The curtailment of mill operations

in the north coincident with overtime

in the south, has been primarily due

to the higher operating cost in the

north, these being in turn the result

of higher wage rates, higher fuel and

transportation cost, heavier taxes,

shorter working hours and legislative

restrictions of many kinds.

As to legislative restrictions, it may

be pointed out, for example that the

practice of some southern mills to run

day and night is not generally practicable in Massachusetts because of

laws in that state which prohibit the

employment of women and minors on night shift.

There is no doubt room for difference of opinion as to the relative importance of the various factors that have produced this unbalanced state in the industry, but there can be no denying the fact that all the factors taken together have constituted a great handicap to the northern mills.

It is obvious that the conditions with

which the northern manufacturers

have had to deal have been far more

difficult than those confronting the

southern manufacturers. The facts

seem to indicate that in times when

there is not enough business to keep

all cotton mills of the country fully

engaged the southern mills with their

lower cost are in a position to take

by far the greater part of the busi-

ness that is offered, and the northern

mills get what is left.

The northern mills, it would appear,

are in somewhat the same position as

a copper mine whose cost of production

is 14 to 15 cents competing with a

mine which can produce the metal for

10 or 11 cents with the market at 14 cents.

If the high cost mine is needed to

supply the world's needs in normal

times, it is bound to stay in business,

but it suffers first and most in times

of depression, and it does not enjoy

as great prosperity of business activi-

ty as its competitor."

To the reader: If the above analysis

is true, and there is no doubt in my

mind that every word is true, then it

is very gratifying indeed to know that

the south is forging right ahead, and

that the future is very bright for other manufacturing plants. Labor in the south seems to be far more dependable than that of the north, climatic conditions seems to be excellent, connected up with cheaper fuel and transportation, therefore, keen business men are not overlooking the opportunities offered by the southland.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Dunaway,

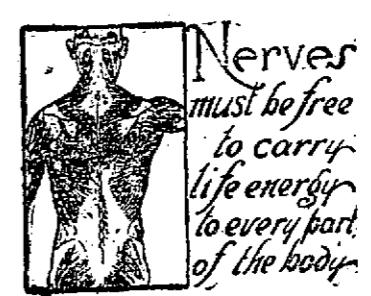
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WHO WAS THAT SISSEY

A boy on his way back to the reformatory at Bonneville writes a letter of advice to the boys and girls of Kansas City. He urges them to stay off the streets and mind their fathers and mothers.

The chances are he got that good advice himself many times. But he thought it was old fogeyish then. The people that gave it to him didn't know life. He would show them.

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

SCENE IN "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH" ACCLAIMED  
BY NEW YORK AS TRIUMPH

If it's a thrill you're looking for you can get it when the William Fox special production, "The Village Blacksmith," opens at the National Theatre tomorrow. In this monster production which critics have acclaimed as the greatest picture of American home life since "Over the Hill," William Fox has provided a thrill that will steel the hardest heart and make gooseflesh appear in profusion. It is a real honest-to-goodness train wreck.

In line with the Fox policy of providing every element of the motion picture in each production, the train wreck was devised. New York critics have acclaimed it as one of the greatest thrill scenes ever shown on the silver screen.

Several flashes are shown of the speedily Sunset Limited traveling at a rate of sixty miles an hour. The local train which stops at way stations is shown. It is apparent that the local train which stops on the crossing is certain to be hit by the express which is traveling with lightning like celerity. Attempts are made to flag the express, but—too late. The trains come together with a terrific crash, and when the debris is cleared away the injured body of the eldest of the "Village Blacksmith's" sons is found pinned under the wreckage. Although severely injured, he is given immediate medical attention and soon recovers.

The wreck is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. One train of six cars and another of four were used. Both trains were utterly destroyed.

## WHIZ BANG REVUE AT THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

Manager Bevering of the Opera House announced Saturday that during the coming week Mexia will see one of the best shows of the season. Marshall Walker and his "Whiz Bang Revue" will be at the Opera House all the week and promise some interesting entertainment for theatre-goers in Mexia.

They have just completed a sixteen week engagement at Houston where they went after a play of twenty-seven weeks at one house in Fort Arthur. After their engagement is completed here they will then go to Dallas for a twenty week stay at one of the leading play houses of that city.

## MELODRAMA BASED ON LONGFELLOW'S POEM TO BE SHOWN HERE SOON

On Monday Manager Box of the National Theatre will show for the first time on any local screen a pictureization of Longfellow's beloved poem, "The Village Blacksmith."

With this presentation William Fox, the producer, forgoes another link in his impressive chain of productions inspired by the classics of literature whose outstanding contributions have been "Les Misérables," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Scarlet Letter," "Evangeline," "Monte Cristo" and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Jack Ford directed the picture and Paul H. Sloane is responsible for the scenario. The production enlists the services of a notable company headed by William Walling, Virginia Valli, Tully Marshall, Bessie Love, George Hackathorne, Lon Poff, David Butler and Ralph Yeardsley.

## A BILL ENTITLED S. B. NO. 129

By Senator Doyle  
An act to create the 87th Judicial District Court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone in the state of Texas, in addition to the 77th Judicial Court now existing in said counties; to provide for the terms and jurisdiction thereof in said counties; for grand juries in said counties; for the appointment of a district judge and a district attorney of said court and providing for their duties, and for the duties of county attorneys in said counties with respect to said court; for the transfer of causes from the dockets of the court so created to the docket of the 77th District Court and from the docket of the 77th District Court to the court hereby created in said counties, so as to expedite the trial of causes and equalize the dockets; to provide for the clerk of said court in said counties and for the filing of causes and the preparation of dockets, and for the prosecution of criminal causes in said court in said counties by the district attorney to be appointed for the said 87th district court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, and likewise for the prosecution of causes in the 77th District Court by the district attorney of the 87th district court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, making process now issued valid and binding to said court with other provisions, and declaring an emergency.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the counties of Limestone and Freestone shall hereafter constitute the 87th Judicial District, in addition to the 77th Judicial District now existing in said counties; and the terms of the District Court of the 87th District shall be held there in each year as follows:

In the county of Limestone, beginning on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November and shall each continue in session eight weeks.

court, and in his absence the County Attorneys of Limestone county and Freestone county, respectively, shall act as such prosecuting attorney, and where the county attorney of either of said counties shall act in either court, as provided for, he shall receive for his services such fees and emoluments as are now provided by law for like services of county attorneys throughout the state.

Section 9. The crowded condition of the dockets of the 77th District Court in Limestone and Freestone counties are such that they deny to all litigants the rights of a speedy trial, and the same creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule providing that bills be read on three several days in each house be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

## Firemen Honor Dog That Died In The Service

HOUSTON, Texas, April 2.—The headstone from "Tom's" grave is to

occupy a position of honor in the new police and fire department building erected here, according to Fire Chief Oller.

Tom was just a dog, a mangy little pup without a hair on his body when he was picked up off the streets by a big-heater fireman and adopted by the department.

But that was more than ten years ago. Tom died Jan. 31, 1913, according to the inscription on the tombstone. There are a few firemen on the job who still remember Tom, however.

Tom was the only Houston dog that ever had an annual pass on the street cars. The pass was a brass collar plate directing all conductors to pass the dog on any line.

No one owned Tom, nor did he belong to any one station. Anyone who wore a fireman's uniform was his friend but he would have little to do with a civilian or a fireman out of uniform. He could distinguish between a fireman and a policeman just as he could tell the fire telephone from the office phone.

He stayed at each station one week, and when the week was up he would trot out and hop on a street car and go to another station. He knew how to get to every station.

For six years he followed the trucks until one day one of the heavy fire trucks skidded and crushed him to death.

All available members of the fire department attended the funeral which was the most impressive ever held for a dog in Harris county, according to the men who still remember the occasion.

Tom's remains were placed in a white, plush lined casket, donated by a local undertaking establishment and lowered into a grave while the firemen stood with bared heads and mourned his passing.

Section 4. That after the 87th Judicial District Court shall become organized the clerks of the District Courts of Limestone and Freestone counties shall make up the dockets of the District Courts of said counties, respectively, and shall file the new cases in the courts to which he may be directed to file same by the party filing them; and all criminal cases shall be originally filed in the court to which the indictment or information is returned, and all appeals in probate cases shall be to the court beginning the first term after such appeal is filed.

Section 5. That the clerks of the District Courts of Limestone county and Freestone county shall respectively prepare civil, divorce, criminal and tax dockets as may now be customary or provided by law for the 77th District Court and the 87th District court in their respective counties, and shall place letters on the envelope containing the file papers in each case, designating by the letter "A" causes pending in the 77th Judicial District and by the letter "B" causes pending in the 87th Judicial District Court.

Section 6. That all writs, process, bonds and recognizances, civil and criminal, issued, executed, entered into or affirmed in the district court of Limestone county and Freestone county, prior to the taking effect of this act and returnable or cognizable in or to said court as it has been heretofore fixed by law, are hereby made returnable to and cognizable in either the 77th district court or the 87th district court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone, respectively, as the same may acquire jurisdiction by the terms of this act, and they shall be as valid and binding in law as if originally issued, made, filed or entered in the court acquiring jurisdiction by the terms of this act.

Section 7. The clerk of the District Court of the 77th Judicial District Court in Limestone county and the Clerk of the District Court for the 87th Judicial District Court in Freestone county shall be the clerk of the 87th Judicial District Court of said counties, respectively; and the district attorney of the 77th Judicial District shall be district attorney of said district in both Limestone and Freestone counties and shall represent the state in all criminal causes in said court in said counties, and in his absence the district attorney for the 87th District Court, and in his absence the attorney in said 77th District Court, and in his absence the county attorney of said counties, respectively, shall act.

Section 8. Immediately upon taking effect of this act the Governor of the State of Texas shall appoint a suitable person judge of 87th Judicial District Court and another suitable person district attorney of the 87th Judicial District Court, who shall have the qualification required by law, respectively, and shall qualify accordingly, and who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election and until after their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, and the district attorney for the 87th Judicial District shall represent the State of Texas in all criminal causes in said

## Born a Slave, Negro Professor Gains High Honors in Research

TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 31.—From slavery to a Fellow in the Royal Society of Great Britain.

Thus in one brief sentence sums up the life of Professor George W. Carver, negro, head of the department of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute here.

Carver by his research work has gained nation wide prominence in chemical circles. Through his experiments, carried on over a period of twenty years or more, he has developed scores of by-products from the principal crops of the South.

He is principally noted for his products developed from peanuts and sweet potatoes and for his cold water paints and stains, developed from Georgia clay. He has developed 165 by-products from peanuts, 115 from sweet potatoes, and 85 from pecans.

Born on the plantation of Colonel George W. Carver near Neosho, Mo., towards the close of the Civil War, the negro who was later destined to go higher than any other member of his race in scientific circles, was kidnapped with his mother at the age of two weeks.

## Exchanged for Horse

Colonel Carver, incensed over the raid on his plantation offered a reward of \$500 and forty acres of land for the return of his slaves. Baby George was returned in exchange for the race horse, while his mother was sold when the marauders found they could drive a better bargain.

The baby negro was taken back into the life of the plantation and was raised by the Carvers until he reached manhood. Later in his late twenties (Carver does not know his exact age) he entered Ames College in Iowa and after winning his B. S. and B. A. degrees took several post graduate courses in chemistry and science.

Since then he has devoted his life to experimenting in by-products of various products of the South and in the development of water colors and paints from George Clay. He first accepted a position on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute as head of the department of agriculture but was later elevated to the head of the department of agricultural research.

## Honor Unsolicited

Though membership in the Royal Society of Great Britain is an honor cherished by scientists above all others Carver doesn't even know how he was elected to membership.

"Maybe it was Sir Henry Johnson," Carver said.

Sir Henry, while touring this country several years ago, spent a large portion of his time at the Institute here and became deeply interested in the work of the ex-slave. It is believed he proposed Carver's name for membership, which was accepted.

In 1913 Carver addressed Congress on the subject of a higher tariff on peanuts and succeeded in raising the rate from \$40 a ton to \$180, a great service to growers of the South.

Carver has been closely associated

with the national department of agriculture for years and was a warm friend of the late president Roosevelt.

Carrying out the regular health and nutrition work, as planned for one month by the home economics extension division, Miss Berry weighed and measured the children, had them examined by competent physicians, distributed health charts with explanations for their use, and conducted health and nutrition classes for the children, parent and teachers. Miss McDonald, public health nurse, will continue the health program in the schools, and will keep a record of the progress made by each child. Efforts are being made to combat malnutrition through correction of physical defects, and recommendation of proper diets. Attention of parents and teachers is called to cases of underweight among the children in order that measures may be taken to improve them.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—That many school children have physical defects of which their parents are ignorant is shown by the report of Miss Eloise Berry, health and nutrition specialist of the home economics extension division of the University of Texas. Miss Berry has just completed an examination of 160 school children of Temple and Belton in cooperation with Miss Arctic McDonald, the public health nurse of Bell County. Out of one class of 40 children there were 37 cases of bad tonsils, it is stated. The cases were reported to

## Wholesale Grocers To Observe Half Holiday Saturdays

According to a statement made this morning by A. H. Ebry of the Berry-Barnett Grocery Company that establishment and The Central Texas Grocery Company will close every Saturday, hereafter and on through the summer, at one o'clock. This move is made to give the employees an opportunity to have a half holiday each week and is in accordance with customs generally followed by wholesale dealers elsewhere.

She—"That dance made me dizzy, let's sit down." He—"All right, know a nice dark corner out on the porch." "Thanks just the same, I'm not quite as dizzy as all that." Hamilton Royal Gaho.

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Season squash souffle with a teaspoonful of grated onion.

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## Port Arthur Man Gives Jiggs An Idea Worth While

PORTE ARTHUR, Texas, April 2.—When police readied a residence here in search of liquor and found a dice game in full swing, it was the logical thing for them to take the participants in charge and hustle them off to the "hoosegow." They did the logical thing.

As the party started out the door with the officers, the host's wife called from above, "where are you going James?"

"To the movie m'dear," was the quick reply.

The officers, however, are positive that if the men went to a movie, they waited until the next day at least.

## Neighbor Passes The Hat For A Fatherless Family

W. R. Ebene, acting the part of a good neighbor, is passing the hat today for a fund to assist Mrs. John Dobson and her four little children in going to Oklahoma, where relatives reside and where she believes she will be able to make a living for herself and family. Mr. Dobson succumbed last week to an attack of pneumonia and was laid to rest at the local cemetery, the Salvation Army administering in the last sad hours. The Envoy Joe S. Hopper had known the struggle that Mr. Dobson was making and was at the bedside many times during the last illness of the man. Neighbors made up a batch of groceries and sent them. Anyone desiring to assist them may hand their contribution to either Mr. or Mrs. Hopper of the Salvation Army and it will be turned over to the widow immediately.

Section 8. Immediately upon taking effect of this act the Governor of the State of Texas shall appoint a suitable person judge of 87th Judicial District Court and another suitable person district attorney of the 87th Judicial District Court, who shall have the qualification required by law, respectively, and shall qualify accordingly, and who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election and until after their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, and the district attorney for the 87th Judicial District shall represent the State of Texas in all criminal causes in said

"He who cures disease renders a great service but he who prevents it is greater." Clean Up Week, April 2-3.

"Plants cannot live and thrive without fresh air. Neither can men." Clean Up Week, April 2-3.

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### HELP WANTED—A

WANTED—Waitresses at once for the Mexican Cafe. 30d3A

### LOST AND FOUND—D

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From the Prairie Pipe Line Camp west of Mexia Wednesday noon, an Airdale pup, about six months old, has small white spot on breast, answers to name of *Lin*. Liberal reward offered for its return to 505 East Main Street, Mexia, Texas. 2d2D

LOST—At the Palace theater Saturday night, three \$10 bills. Call 42, reward. 2d1D

### WANTED TO BUY—E

IF YOU have something to sell, trade, want to buy, looking for location or position slip in a Want Ad, and get it. 16d30E

FIVE PASSENGER Texas car for sale or will trade for real estate. Address H. Bowler, General Delivery, Mexia, Texas. 1d7F

WANT TO BUY—at once an iron safe, 3 pair scales, 1 refrigerator (hotel size). Estes Bros., 308 South Canton St. 2d7E

### OIL PROPOSITIONS—G

PRODUCTION ROYALTIES—Will buy producing royalties in the Mexia field. Room 16 Farmers State Bank building or Box, 736, Mexia, Texas. Zeno King. 2d30G

### FOR SALE—J

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor coverings, stoves and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56. 6d30J

FOR SALE—One iron safe at 204 E. Main. Phone 491. 2d6J

ALL KINDS of Easter hats, suits and Dresses for sale at Wardrobe exchange. Dressmaking, cleaning and Pressing, Hemstitching. Phone 557-2111. North McKinney St. 2d4J

FOR SALE—One three room house, good location, electric lights, gas, and water. Apply 308 South Canton. 2d7J

FOR SALE—One 40x55 foot corrugated iron building, double floor, less than 1 year old. Cost \$1700.00. Will sell at \$400.00 for quick sale. Call William Iron Works Co. Phone 9007. 2d7J

FOR SALE—One Iron safe good condition. Reasonable. 204 East Main, phone 491. 2d7J

FOR SALE—Two Ford cars and one Oldsmobile eight. Must sell at once. Call Carl Boyles Garage. Phone 537. 2d6J

FOR SALE—Five room bungalow. Will sell on terms also, take automobile. No junk considered. 711 E. Hopkins St. 2d4J

FOR SALE—Extra fine S. C. R. I. Reds, 1st pen, headed by prize winners Eggs from this pen \$1.50 per 15, chicks one day old 25¢ each; chicks first yard eggs 15¢ each. Mrs. Boyce Thomas, Tehuacana, Texas. 1d2J

### HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—Five room house furnished, all conveniences, corner Bonham and East Commerce. See V. B. Gardner. 1d4K

HOUSE WANTED—Would like to hear from owner of 4- or 5-room house, desirably located and comfortably equipped, not too far out, who wants a good permanent tenant who is willing to pay in advance for what he gets but who really isn't in the market for property. Address Permanent, care Mexia Daily News. 1d3K

FOR RENT—A good five room cottage for rent cheap. Also some good household furniture for sale. 2d4J

ROOMS FURNISHED—L

FOR RENT—Two and three room furnished apartments. Also two room furnished house. Lights, gas and water. Gates Apartments, 884 East Commerce St. 2d21L

THE HOUSEKEEPING rooms, furnished. Call at 600 East Sumpter or phone 271-1. 2d6dL

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FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms. Lights, gas and hot bath. Rates reasonable, 309 South McKinney Ave. 3d2L

FOR RENT—Small furnished house, all conveniences. 216 E. Rusk St. 2d2L

FOR RENT—in private home, two unfurnished or furnished rooms, hot and cold water and gas in room. 500 E. Titus. 2d2L

### TEXAS TABLOIDS

(By United Press)

TEXARKANA.—Robert D. Newton, 27, of Camden, Ark., died at a local hospital from hemorrhage of the nose, caused by a violent fit of sneezing with which he was seized a week ago.

AUSTIN.—Lon D. Morgan, former chief clerk of the state treasury, was convicted late yesterday of the second count growing out of his alleged embezzlement of \$40,000 of public funds. He was given two years imprisonment. Previously he had been convicted on another count and given a similar sentence. Several other indictments against him are pending.

AUSTIN.—Warrants totalling \$300,000 were expected to be cashed at the state treasury today by the state prison commission, following a ruling of the attorney general's department late yesterday that warrants up to \$600,000—the amount of the prison system appropriation by the last legislature—could be cashed. The general revenue, which was placed on a deficiency basis yesterday by \$3,000,000 being transferred to the available school fund, can only take care of \$300,000, it was made known.

EL PASO.—The distinguished service medal was yesterday presented to Mary E. Sheehan, chief nurse at the William Beaumont hospital at Fort Bliss, here, for meritorious service in the Vichy hospital area with the American army in France. Miss Sheehan is the third officer to hold D. S. C. here. The others are Major General Robert L. Howze and M. A. W. Shockley.

WACO.—Lowe Newton, alias J. A. Martin, white, convicted thief and burglar, sentenced to 32 years imprisonment, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor in the county jail here yesterday.

HILLSBORO.—Leslie L. Rhine, breakman, was killed when the caboose in which he was riding struck a car on a siding in the Missouri, Kansas & Texas yards here, and was tele-scoped.

Judge (to defendant)—"Do you want to challenge any member of the jury?" Ex-Prizefighter—"Ah ain't feelin' jes' right, Judge, but ah don't mind goin' a couple of roun's with that fat gemmum in the co'ner"—Life.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL HOUSE BOND ELECTION IN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS.

The State of Texas, County of Limestone.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, 1923, at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of Limestone County, Texas, of the date 17th day of Feb., 1928, which is of record in Book F, Page 323 to determine whether a Majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of this district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess, and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of (b) 100 cent on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

W. H. Arbuckle has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and

after their date;

Four of said bonds in twenty five years after their date;

And, four of said bonds in thirty years after their date;

Said bonds to be issued on the faith and credit of said Common School District No. 37 of Limestone County, Texas, to provide funds to be expended in the payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a public free school building of brick, stone, or concrete material, and purchasing a site therefor within said district; and to determine whether or not the Commissioners' court of said county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding a tax upon all the taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

Whit Popejoy. Sheriff, Limestone County, Texas. 25-1-8

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Limestone County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Uniform Gasoline & Petroleum Co., a joint stock association by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, in any newspaper published in the 87th Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 87th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Limestone County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Groesbeck, Texas, on the 1st Monday in May, A. D., 1923, the same being the 7th day of May, A. D., 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of March, A. D., 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 3443 B, wherein Frick-Reid Supply Company is Plaintiff, and Uniform Gasoline & Petroleum Company, joint stock association is Defendant, and said petition alleging:

That on or about December 2nd, 1921, at the special instance and request of the defendant, Plaintiff sold and delivered to it, goods, wares, and merchandise, the same consisting of bolts, bushings, nipples, lock stops, fanged unions, tees, bushings, piping, valves, ell, plugs, dies, tongeides, wrenches, chisels, haps, mattocks, hammers, packings, oils, pipe cutters, testing machines, steel tape, hole digger, and other merchandise, goods and wares, in consideration whereof the defendant promised to pay Plaintiff

said tax shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof" and those opposed thereto, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order dated the 16th day of March, A. D., 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this 16th day of March, A. D. 1923.

Whit Popejoy Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas. 25-1-8

### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Limestone.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, 1923, at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of this county as established by order of the commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, of the date 17th day of Feb., 1928, which is of record in Book F, Page 323 to determine whether a Majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of this district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess, and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of (b) 100 cent on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

That said account is past due and unpaid and defendant though often requested has failed and refused and still refused to pay same or any part thereof to plaintiff, damage in the said above named sum.

That said supplies were used in the improvements, placed in the 3-36-100 acres of land known as the Mackey lease, said lease being fully described in the deed for George F. Beavers to defendant herein, dated December 5th, 1921, recorded in Vol. 128, page 35, record books of Limestone County, Texas. Among said improvements being, loading racks, boiler two 1600 bbl. tanks, one 500 bbl. tank, 1 two room house, 1500 feet of 4 in. pipe in line, 10,000 feet of 2 in. pipe in line, 3 snow-throwing pumps which improvements will furnish the defendant by the plaintiff herein.

That on the 22nd day of September, 1922, Plaintiff filed a materialman's lien on the property above set out which lien is recorded in Vol. 2, page

W. H. Arbuckle has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same; and said election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law for holding other elections.

In testimony whereof witness my official signature this the 1st day of March, A. D., 1923.

E. WATSON, Mayor, City of Mexia, Texas. 2d30t

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH. WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION  
NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

REMARKABLE CAST SEEN IN  
"THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

In the moving picture industry there are a number of good books published. Several of these books are considered really "Blue Books" of the industry. If one were to glance over the list of the cast of the latest William Fox production, "The Village Blacksmith," one would certainly think they were reading one of the ultra "Blue Books."

This admirable cast is headed by William Walling, who portrays the role of the blacksmith. Walling is one of the most capable actors on the screen. He has been acclaimed by both press and public as an artist of the first water because of his excellent portrayal of the part.

In the order named on the program next appears the name of Virginia True Boardman. Miss Boardman, while only a young woman, has been portraying leading roles on the screen for a number of years. She is exceedingly capable and her portrayal of the blacksmith's wife is really a work of art.

Virginia Valli, whose name appears next on the list, is well known to the movie fans from coast to coast. She is the daughter of the blacksmith in the main part of the picture. During the earlier scenes of the production Ida Nan McKenzie, one of the best child actresses on the screen, plays the role in the early portion of the production.

Bill, the elder son of the leading character, is portrayed by Dave Butler. Gordon Griffith, as Bill when he was a boy, has made his part stand out and has been hailed as a coming star.

To set down the rest of the characters and give slight details as to their work would require more space than can be afforded. Each member of the cast, however, is well known to moving picture audiences from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The cast includes: George Hackathorne, Pat Moore, Tully Marshall, Caroline Rankin, Ralph Yeardsley, Henri de la Garde, Francis Ford, Bessie Love, Mark Fenton, Lon Poff, Cordelia Calhoun, Eddie Gribbon and Lucile Hutton.

Under the able direction of Jack Ford this admirable cast has made a production that will not be equalled in many a day in the motion picture industry.

FOR RENT—one side of Duplex house, W. D. Hight, 729 E. Commerce St. Phone 422 or 228. 2d3J

DRESSING THE PART IS SECRET OF  
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"DRINK A MILKING SIR," SHE SAID

CHICAGO.—The well-dressed woman, whether she sits in a box at the opera or milks a cow on a farm, is, according to an artist who is teaching dress designing in a Chicago technical high school, the one who dresses the part.

"This is something the French woman understands perfectly," this teacher told one of her classes. "It is something the woman on America's Main Street is learning. The costume that is stunning at Deauville or Cannes would be absurd on the shaded streets of a little mid-west town on a May morning."

"It is not a matter of degree but of kind. The woman going briskly about her marketing with a basket on her arm may be just as artistic and lovely as the one who is sitting on a big hotel veranda. If you don't believe it, go to the theatre and see some play in which the innocent little village girl crowds the sophisticated city vamp clear out of the spotlight."

"Then go home and make yourself a straight-line frock of flowered chintz or plaid ginghams. Get a brim that is well dressed."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY, CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOR YEAR, 1922:	
Numerical	1921 1922
Number of Churches	1,145 1,208
Number of church members	43,703 48,118
Number of members Y. P. S.	8,661 10,864
Number of members of Sunday school	64,738 74,481
Number of S. S. Teachers and Officers	8,015 9,220
Number of Members W. M. S.	3,637 5,329
Number of Elders	945 1,028
Number of Licensed Ministers	866 1,004
Number of Licensed Deaconesses	175 152
Number of Consecrated Deaconesses	173 220
Number of S. S. Superintendents	1,040 1,112
Number of Presidents Y. P. S.	335 445
Number of Commissioned Evangelists	279 252
Number of Elected Delegates	2,103 2,231
Total Membership of Assemblies	5,037 5,668
Number of Church Buildings	763 841
Number of Personages	323 345
Financial	
Value of Church property	\$3,868,977 \$4,655,982
Indebtedness on Church property	722,125 960,434
Raised For	
Buildings and Improvements	485,691 438,761
General Superintendents	13,582 11,410
District Superintendents	50,495 55,896
Pastors (including assistant pastors)	637,185 667,562
Deaconesses	10,399 8,471
Home Missions	77,234 55,350
Evangelists	173,762 184,135
Foreign Mission (churches)	185,712 162,756
Foreign Missions (W. M. S.)	17,432 20,765
Church Extension	13,881 11,043
Education	92,414 82,759
Social Welfare	8,930 8,826
Orphanage	20,603 12,118
Nazarene Tract Society	575 293
Ministerial Relief	2,233 3,289
Contingent Fund	3,196 4,258
Other Benevolences	64,915 65,969
Rent	36,068 44,664
Church Expenses	200,644 222,462
Sunday School Expenses	70,785 80,829
Miscellaneous Items	399 6,441
All Purposes	\$2,121,205 \$2,148,057

During the year of 1922 the Church of the Nazarene received the following additions:
A net increase of 35 members per week.
A net increase of 42 Y. P. S. members per week.
A net increase of 187 Sunday school scholars each week.
A net increase of 21 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools to care for the increase of scholars.
Sixty-three new congregations were added during the year.
A new church building was provided every five days, and a new parsonage was added every sixteen days.
The 44,118 members gave \$44.64 each during the year for the support of the church and its work.
These members paid \$12,834 per week to pastors, \$1,075 per week to support district superintendents, and \$219 per week to the support of general superintendents, and \$8,437 per week for buildings and improvements.
There was added to the value of church property \$15,137 each week.

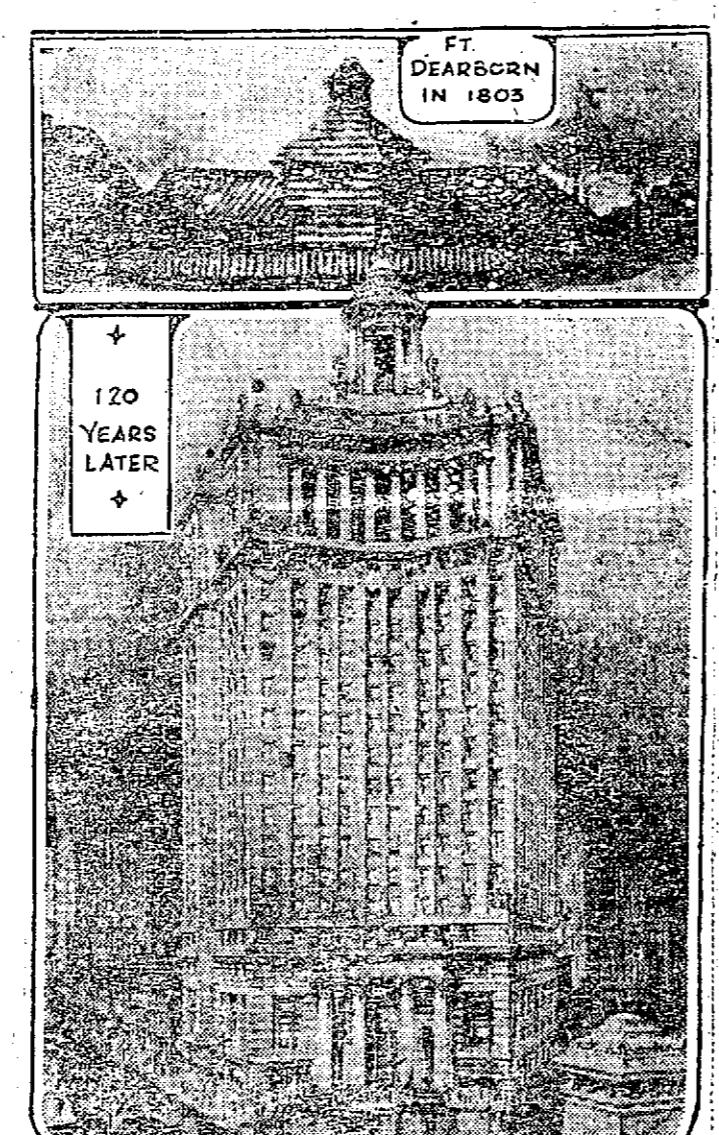
Rev. Chas. A. Kinder, General Statistical Sec.

After looking over this foregoing financial statement, there does not seem to be anything remarkable about it to the person not acquainted with the history of our church. This being the case, a brief resume of our history would not come amiss at this time.

As early as 1894 we find a few loyal souls working on the ideals and principles, which were later to spring forth into what is now "The Church of the Nazarene". From time to time throughout the country, various missions and churches sprung up all with practically the same ideas on which to found their faith. These, of course, we must readily see, were independent of each other, and their individual financial troubles were of necessity taken care of separately, and without aid from each other. It was not until 1907 that a few of these churches were "Unionized", this taking place in Chicago. However, the present Church of the Nazarene did not come into being until Feb. 13, 1915, at Nashville, Tenn., at which time and place this union was effected, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

Considering the foregoing brief remarks regarding our history, is it any wonder we are proud of our achievements, both financially and spiritually? D. C. GAFFORD, Pastor.

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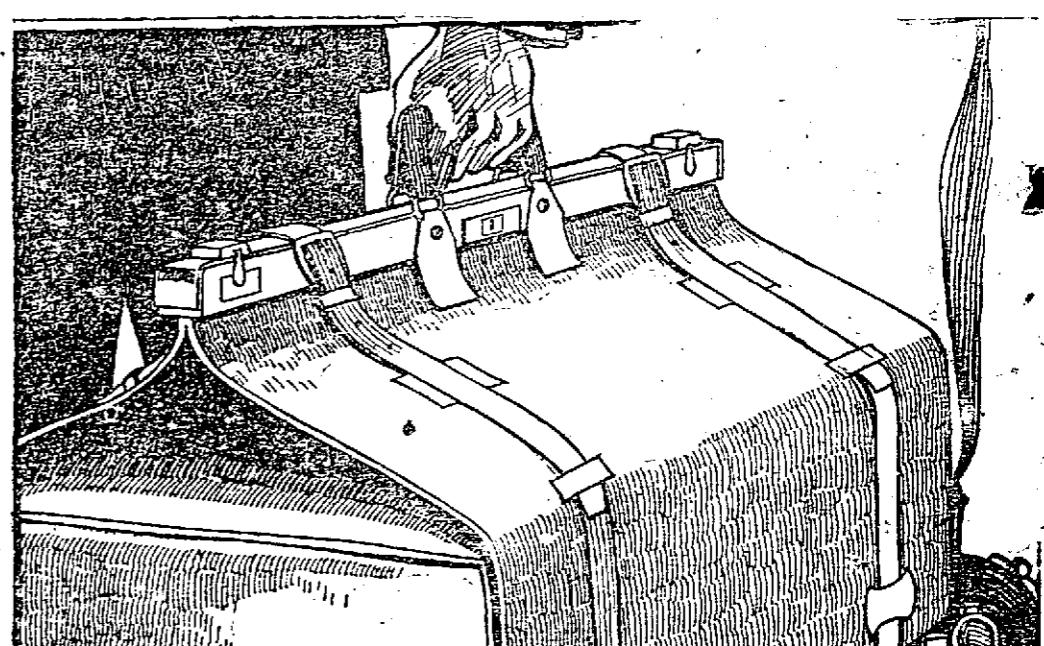
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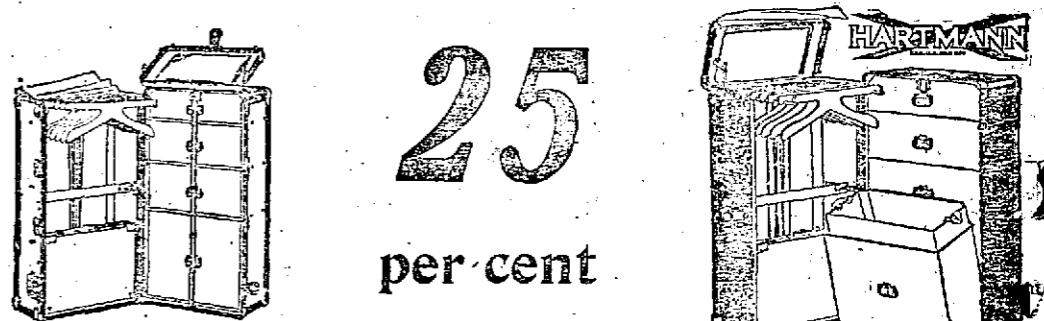
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